



# Dominguez-Escalante NCA Travel Management Plan Route Comment Report

## Route: 1

### Segment: 1491

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments on Route: 1

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 10

### Segment: 2033

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments on Route: 10

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 100

### Segment: 2355

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments on Route: 100

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1001

### Segment: 1943

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1001

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1002

### Segment: 1942

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1002

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1003

### Segment: 1946

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments on Route: 1003

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-230

- Near the intersection of 1003 and 15 there is a very large pile ash and trash. Pallets must have been burned here as the ash is heavily laden with nails.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-88

- Page 111 Portable Toilets and Fire Pans I believe the text is missing the crucial word "solid" in front of "human waste" for Alternatives B E. I don't think it is reasonable to expect human urine to be hauled out. Also fire pans aren't usually set up for carrying the ash so the text should be adjusted to indicate that not only will fire pans be required but the ash must also be hauled out. The text also needs clarification that fire pans and ash removal should be used for campfires even when not part of an overnight camping experience (i.e. an early evening campfire where the recreationalists are not planning on spending the night). On a recent Gunnison River canoe trip with canoes rented from a commercial operator, we were advised "Urinate in the river (not in calm water nor on wet sand or soil nor on vegetation)." That should be listed here and posted at popular put-ins (Escalante and Bridgeport). Given the rule of the use of fire pans, there should be a management action that all rock fire rings within the listed areas should be removed and those campfire areas rehabilitated as part of other development work in those areas. I guess this applies equally to campfire areas that have no rings (such as the one near the intersection of routes 15 and 1003 where a thick pile from wood pallet fires exists.) With these changes I support Alternative E. I strongly support the text about fire pans and hauling ash away. It is unfortunate but campfire rings seem to be a magnet to all forms of trash. Also there is an unfortunate tendency of some to burn wooden pallets. People doing so might not even see the harm because they consider the pallets to be wood so ok to burn. They are not taking into consideration the nails and other hardware left behind.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1005

### Segment: 1955

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments on Route: 1005

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (*Astragalus linifolius*), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species." Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1006

### Segment: 1935

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments on Route: 1006

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

- o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

- o Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus limifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 1007

### Segment: 1936

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1007

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1008

### Segment: 1934

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments on Route: 1008

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1009

##### Segment: 1932

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments on Route: 1009

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 101

##### Segment: 2342

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments on Route: 101

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1011

### Segment: 1927

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments on Route: 1011

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1012

### Segment: 1945

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 5 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1012

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1013

### Segment: 1922

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1013

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1015

### Segment: 1918

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing

RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1015

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1016

### Segment: 1925

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1016

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1017

### Segment: 1947

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments on Route: 1017

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-13

- The route with numbers 933, to 1105, to 1110, to 1017, to 998 had been an important route for ATV use. At the end of it a connection can be made without equipment to extend it over to route 52 and create a great loop. We know this because we have made the short walk between the two routes. This had been explained to BLM. The map shows it with a dotted line which indicates closed until mitigated. This is not acceptable nor necessary. It is also confusing because there is a bicycle emblem on the route.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

- [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1018

### Segment: 1931

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Bighorn - production area

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1018

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-247

• For the Gunnison Slopes it is not sufficient to rely on topology to protect the area from user-created road intrusions. You can see that from the existence of routes 1039, 1018 and 1019. At the very least to protect Gunnison Slopes a locked gate and fencing should be added at the intersection of routes 941 and 1192. The protection of the bighorn sheep production area is paramount to the long-term health and well-being of the bighorn sheep herds.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-3

• Nine Mile Hill We [COPMOBA] recommend incorporating mountain bike use into the planned Quiet Use area along the rim of Nine Mile Hill. The popular Tabeguacbe Trail is in this area. Horse and foot travel have similar impacts in areas not adjacent to a population center so conflicts should be minimal. We recommend administrative road (#unknown but has spurs 1076, 1039, 1018 and 1051 ) bordering the most northern portion of the Wilderness be left open to mountain bikes. We feel allowing mountain bike use will cause minimal resource damage on an administrative road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1019

### Segment: 1910

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR – summer range, Bighorn - production area

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1019

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-247

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## Route: 102

### Segment: 2345

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 102

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-209

- Alt E's closure of duplicate and braided routes: There are many short braided routes like 102, 112, 120, and 349 throughout the NCA. I support the closing and rehabbing of them if they don't lead to nice dispersed campsites. Hiking passed them makes me think that no one cares about proper planning (if I didn't know the history of their creation). Duplicated braided routes are just eating up the area, damaging vegetation in areas where it is such a struggle for vegetation to survive. Now that this is an NCA, I support the BLM's intent in Alt E to close and re-vegetate such braided routes. I believe it is important to show respect for the protection of the land and its beauty by minimizing routes to those that are useful and fun and eliminating such unnecessary braids.

## Route: 1020

### Segment: 1948

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments on Route: 1020

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-217

• Now that the mine has been sealed up (photo IMG\_9997) routes 1020-1029-1041-1064-1080-1113-979 should be closed. I recently hiked the road with a friend. The upper reaches are deteriorating (photos IMG\_9994, IMG\_9995).

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1021

### Segment: 1933

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments on Route: 1021

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1022

### Segment: 1923

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments on Route: 1022

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 1023

### Segment: 1903

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Steep slopes

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments on Route: 1023

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

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## Route: 1024

## Segment: 1901

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Steep slopes

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments on Route: 1024

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

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## Route: 1025

### Segment: 1940

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1025

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1027

### Segment: 1906

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments on Route: 1027

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1029

### Segment: 1907

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments on Route: 1029

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-217

- Now that the mine has been sealed up (photo IMG\_9997) routes 1020-1029-1041-1064-1080-1113-979 should be closed. I recently hiked the road with a friend. The upper reaches are deteriorating (photos IMG\_9994, IMG\_9995).

## Route: 103

### Segment: 2349

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 103

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164,

2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1031

### Segment: 1905

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1031

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1032

### Segment: 1902

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1032

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1033

### Segment: 1887

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1033

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1034

### Segment: 1886

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1034

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1035

### Segment: 1896

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1035

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1036

### Segment: 1888

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1036

No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1037

### Segment: 1891

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn - production area, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments on Route: 1037

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1038

### Segment: 1909

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1038

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1039

### Segment: 1930

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Bighorn - production area

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1039

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-247

For the Gunnison Slopes it is not sufficient to rely on topology to protect the area from user-created road intrusions. You can see that from the existence of routes 1039, 1018 and 1019. At the very least to protect Gunnison Slopes a locked gate and fencing should be added at the intersection of routes 941 and 1192. The protection of the bighorn sheep production area is paramount to the long-term health and well-being of the bighorn sheep herds.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-3

Nine Mile HillWe [COPMOBA] recommend incorporating mountain bike use into the planned Quiet Use area along the rim of Nine Mile Hill. The popular Tabeguache Trail is in this area. Horse and foot travel have similar impacts in areas not adjacent to a populat center so conflicts should be minimal. We recommend administrative road (#unknown but has spurs 1076, 1039, 1018 and 1051 ) bordering the most northern portion of the Wilderness be left open to mountain bikes. We feel allowing mountain bike use will cause minimal resource damage on an administrati ve road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 104

### Segment: 2339

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments on Route: 104

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1040

### Segment: 1890

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1040

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1041

## Segment: 1889

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments on Route: 1041

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-217

- Now that the mine has been sealed up (photo IMG\_9997) routes 1020-1029-1041-1064-1080-1113-979 should be closed. I recently hiked the road with a friend. The upper reaches are deteriorating (photos IMG\_9994, IMG\_9995).

## Route: 1042

### Segment: 1882

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1042

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1043

### Segment: 1881

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1043

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1044

### Segment: 1877

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1044

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1045

### Segment: 1875

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1045

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1046

### Segment: 1885

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1046

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1047

### Segment: 1897

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments on Route: 1047

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 1048

### Segment: 1900

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1048

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1049

### Segment: 1874

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1049

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 105

### Segment: 2410

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 15 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 105

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1050

### Segment: 1876

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1050

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1051

### Segment: 1894

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1051

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-3

- Nine Mile HillWe [COPMOBA]recommend incorporating mountain bike use into the planned Quiet Use area along the rim of Nine Mile Hill. The popular Tabeguache Trail is in this area. Horse and foot travel have similar impacts in areas not adjacent to a population center so conflicts should be minimal.We recommend administrative road (#unknown but has spurs 1076, 1039, 1018 and 1051 ) bordering the most northern portion of the Wilderness be left open to mountain bikes. We feel allowing mountain bike use will cause minimal resource damage on an administrative road

## Route: 1052

### Segment: 1868

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1052

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1053

### Segment: 1865

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1053

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1055

### Segment: 1880

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1055

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1056

### Segment: 1899

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1056

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1057

### Segment: 1867

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments on Route: 1057

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1058

#### Segment: 1866

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments on Route: 1058

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1059

#### Segment: 1863

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1059

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 106

### Segment: 2347

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 106

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1060

### Segment: 1854

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1060

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1061

### Segment: 1869

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1061

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1062

### Segment: 1864

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments on Route: 1062

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1063

#### Segment: 1853

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments on Route: 1063

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1064

#### Segment: 1878

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments on Route: 1064

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-217

- Now that the mine has been sealed up (photo IMG\_9997) routes 1020-1029-1041-1064-1080-1113-979 should be closed. I recently hiked the road with a friend. The upper reaches are deteriorating (photos IMG\_9994, IMG\_9995).

## Route: 1065

### Segment: 1879

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1065

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1067

### Segment: 1862

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1067

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1068

### Segment: 1848

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments on Route: 1068

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1069

### Segment: 1855

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1069

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 107

### Segment: 2414

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

**Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 107

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1070

### Segment: 1844

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1070

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1072

### Segment: 1917

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 6 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1072

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1073

### Segment: 1851

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1073

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1074

### Segment: 1843

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1074

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1075

### Segment: 1871

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1075

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1076

### Segment: 1883

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn - production area, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1076

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-3

Nine Mile Hill We [COPMOBA] recommend incorporating mountain bike use into the planned Quiet Use area along the rim of Nine Mile Hill. The popular Tabeguache Trail is in this area. Horse and foot travel have similar impacts in areas not adjacent to a population center so conflicts should be minimal. We recommend administrative road (#unknown but has spurs 1076, 1039, 1018 and 1051 ) bordering the most northern portion of the Wilderness be left open to mountain bikes. We feel allowing mountain bike use will cause minimal resource damage on an administrative road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1077

## Segment: 1842

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1077

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1078

### Segment: 1861

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1078

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1079

### Segment: 1856

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1079

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 108

### Segment: 2412

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 108

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1080

### Segment: 1849

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1080

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-217

- Now that the mine has been sealed up (photo IMG\_9997) routes 1020-1029-1041-1064-1080-1113-979 should be closed. I recently hiked the road with a friend. The upper reaches are deteriorating (photos IMG\_9994, IMG\_9995).

## Route: 1081

### Segment: 1857

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1081

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1082

#### Segment: 1835

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1082

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1083

#### Segment: 1852

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1083

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1084

### Segment: 1898

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1084

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686,

1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1085

### Segment: 1838

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1085

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1086

### Segment: 1846

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1086

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1087

### Segment: 1859

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1087

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1089

### Segment: 1829

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1089

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 109

### Segment: 2353

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 109

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1090

### Segment: 1884

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1090

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1091

### Segment: 1839

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1091

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1092

### Segment: 1872

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1092

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1093

### Segment: 1830

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1093

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1094

### Segment: 1850

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1094

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1096

### Segment: 1834

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1096

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1097

### Segment: 1824

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1097

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1098

### Segment: 1831

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1098

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1099

### Segment: 1822

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1099

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 11

#### Segment: 2035

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 11

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 110

#### Segment: 2332

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 110

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1100

### Segment: 1840

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1100

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1101

### Segment: 1827

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1101

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1102

### Segment: 1832

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMA's Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1102

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1103

### Segment: 1821

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1103

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1104

### Segment: 1817

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1104

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1105

### Segment: 1819

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1105

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-13

- The route with numbers 933, to 1105, to 1110, to 1017, to 998 had been an important route for ATV use. At the end of it a connection can be made without equipment to extend it over to route 52 and create a great loop. We know this because we have made the short walk between the two routes. This had been explained to BLM. The map shows it with a dotted line which indicates closed until mitigated. This is not acceptable nor necessary. It is also confusing because there is a bicycle emblem on the route.

## Route: 1106

### Segment: 1815

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1106

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1107

### Segment: 1813

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1107

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1108

### Segment: 1814

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 1108

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

### Route: 1109

#### Segment: 1825

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1109

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 111

#### Segment: 2331

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 111

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1110

### Segment: 1913

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1110

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-13

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Comment ID: 000000115-79

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## Route: 1112

### Segment: 1812

## Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1112

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1113

### Segment: 1833

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1113

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-217

- Now that the mine has been sealed up (photo IMG\_9997) routes 1020-1029-1041-1064-1080-1113-979 should be closed. I recently hiked the road with a friend. The upper reaches are deteriorating (photos IMG\_9994, IMG\_9995).

## Route: 1115

### Segment: 1826

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1115

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1117

### Segment: 1820

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1117

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1118

#### Segment: 1789

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1118

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1119

#### Segment: 1778

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1119

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 112

### Segment: 2324

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 112

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-209

- Alt E's closure of duplicate and braided routes: There are many short braided routes like 102, 112, 120, and 349 throughout the NCA. I support the closing and rehabbing of them if they don't lead to nice dispersed campsites. Hiking passed them makes me think that no one cares about proper planning (if I didn't know the history of their creation). Duplicated braided routes are just eating up the area, damaging vegetation in areas where it is such a struggle for vegetation to survive. Now that this is an NCA, I support the BLM's intent in Alt E to close and re-vegetate such braided routes. I believe it is important to show respect for the protection of the land and its beauty by minimizing routes to those that are useful and fun and eliminating such unnecessary braids.

## Route: 1120

### Segment: 1772

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1120

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1121

### Segment: 1787

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1121

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1122

### Segment: 1795

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1122

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1123

### Segment: 1777

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1123

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

## Route: 1124

### Segment: 1774

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1124

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1125

### Segment: 1785

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1125

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1127

### Segment: 1775

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1127

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1128

### Segment: 1765

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1128

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1129

### Segment: 1768

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1129

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

## Route: 113

### Segment: 2325

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 113

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1130

##### Segment: 1760

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1130

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1131

##### Segment: 1762

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1131

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1132

### Segment: 1770

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1132

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1134

### Segment: 1763

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1134

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1135

### Segment: 1798

#### Designation ?

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1135

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1136

### Segment: 1759

#### Designation ?

**Current Designation**  
Veiches under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Public Comments On Route: 1136

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1137

##### Segment: 1748

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1137

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1138

##### Segment: 1754

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1138

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1139

### Segment: 1752

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1139

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 114

### Segment: 2316

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 114

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1140

#### Segment: 1753

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1140

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1141

#### Segment: 1741

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1141

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1142

### Segment: 1860

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1142

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-205

• Map 3-4 appears to be missing a Cactus Park riparian area. There is a riparian vegetation area near route 1142 on map 3-3, but it does not appear on this map. Where there is riparian vegetation, I would think there is a riparian area. As many birds and wildlife rely on the nutrients and camouflage of riparian vegetation, further investigation is needed to address this inconsistency. Maps 3-8 and 3-9 also are missing the Cactus Park riparian area.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1144

### Segment: 1740

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1144

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1145

### Segment: 1745

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1145

| No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1146

### Segment: 1746

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1146

- | • No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1147

### Segment: 1751

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1147

- | • No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1148

### Segment: 1747

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1148

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1149

### Segment: 1757

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1149

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 115

### Segment: 2330

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 115

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1150

### Segment: 1870

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Steep slopes

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1150

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

o Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

o Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1152

### Segment: 1749

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1152

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1153

### Segment: 1737

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1153

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1154

### Segment: 1796

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1154

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1155

### Segment: 1742

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1155

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1156

### Segment: 1744

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1156

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1157

### Segment: 1764

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1157

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1158

### Segment: 1736

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1158

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 116

### Segment: 2311

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 116

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1161

### Segment: 1738

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1161

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1162

### Segment: 1728

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1162

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1164

## Segment: 1727

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1164

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1165

## Segment: 1731

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1743

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1165

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1166

### Segment: 1729

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1166

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1167

### Segment: 1724

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 1167

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1168

#### Segment: 1722

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1168

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1169

#### Segment: 1723

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1169

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

## Route: 117

### Segment: 2310

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 117

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1170

### Segment: 1756

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1170

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

[Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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### Route: 1171

#### Segment: 1726

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1171

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609, 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456, 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1172

### Segment: 1755

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1172

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1173

### Segment: 1733

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1173

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species." o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 1174

### Segment: 1704

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1174

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Pondersa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Pondersa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Pondersa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1176

### Segment: 1703

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

**Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1176

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1177

#### Segment: 1705

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1177

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1178

#### Segment: 1699

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1178

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1179

### Segment: 1715

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1179

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 118

### Segment: 2318

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 118

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1180

### Segment: 1695

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1180

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1181

### Segment: 1706

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils - PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR – summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1181

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1183

### Segment: 1693

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1183

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1184

### Segment: 1924

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 35 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1184

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1186

### Segment: 1697

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1186

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1187

### Segment: 1701

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1187

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1188

### Segment: 1683

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1188

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 119

#### Segment: 2308

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 119

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1192

#### Segment: 1781

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1192

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-247

• For the Gunnison Slopes it is not sufficient to rely on topology to protect the area from user-created road intrusions. You can see that from the existence of routes 1039, 1018 and 1019. At the very least to protect Gunnison Slopes a locked gate and fencing should be added at the intersection of routes 941 and 1192. The protection of the bighorn sheep production area is paramount to the long-term health and well-being of the bighorn sheep herds.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-7

• I believe The Cactus Park ATV SRMA should not include Gibbler Mountain nor the roadless area surrounding Gibbler Mountain (see more comments later about Gibbler Mtn). Also I believe The Cactus Park ATV RMA should not include the roadless area bounded by 941 and 1192. While recreation was part of the Omnibus act that created the NCA, it should be included in a balanced way. Protecting roadless spaces in an area viewable by people enjoying ATVing seems to me like a great balance. "Look at that great view!" should be included in their enjoyment of the NCA.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-44

• 1292, 1315, 1331, 1340 (Easternnob' flanked to the south by Triangle Mesa and to the north by the Ninemile Hill ERMA): A recommendation for these routes be left open for hike and horse was included in the QTG's scoping comments. In the draft's preferred alternative they are slated for closure. The QTG again states our interest in this being left open for quiet users, but we expand that list to include mountain bikers. We envision this route being extended to continue around the rim, eventually crossing 1192, before continuing along the rim northward as part of a long rim quiet trail within Ninemile Hill. Once reaching the Ninemile Hill ERMA, after crossing route 830, the rim route would change to just horse and foot to be consistent with the objectives of the ERMA. This is consistent with our recommendation of eliminating overlap between the ATV SRMA and the Bighorn Sheep Production, Winter and Summer Areas

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

• [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

Organization, commenter: James Riddell

Comment ID: 000000123-4

• Gunnison Slopes Recommendation: Gunnison Slopes should be classified as Lands Managed for Wilderness Characteristics, and close the road to Dad's Flat (the extension of 1192?) except for administrative use. Rationale: My strongest objection to the preferred alternative is in Lands Managed for Wilderness Characteristics, Map 2-11E. The Gunnison Slopes section, between the Tabeguache Trail and the Gunnison River, from the Dominguez Wilderness almost to Whitewater, was selected as Lands Managed for Wilderness Characteristics in Alternative B. It really should have that designation in the final RMP as well. In the lead-up to the original creation of the NCA, I advocated vigorously that this section be added to what would become the Dominguez Wilderness. I have explored this area several times on foot and floating the river, and there is no question of its wilderness characteristics. It is a gem!! Because of the cliff band along the top of the area, there is no vehicular access into the area below the cliffs for something like 9 miles. There are even very few places for access by foot, and those few are well hidden, and scarcely ever used. The preferred alternative calls for closure of the road from near Cactus Park to Dad's Flat, except for administrative use, which I heartily endorse. With the closure of that road, public vehicular access will be prohibited for nearly twenty miles along the river, and the wilderness value of the Gunnison Slopes will increase dramatically. Below that cliff is one of the wildest places I have experienced anywhere in the entire region. Aside from the railroad line along the river, there is almost no sign of human activity for miles. Walk around and on the ground there is some evidence of livestock grazing and occasional evidence for the keen-eyed of ancient tool-making, but almost sign of no human activity in modern times. The views are spectacular and plentiful, with almost no permanent sign of human presence. The quiet and isolation, whether experienced on foot or by river float, are profound. The difficulty of access at the cliff band (actually not that difficult if one finds the right location and makes the effort), rewards the user with solitude, naturalness, primitive unconfined recreation (since the vegetative and geologic factors allow foot travel almost anywhere), and a truly unique experience. Recommendation 2: the area above the cliff band be managed to preserve the solitude, isolation and naturalness of the area below the cliff band. That would mean no motorized vehicular traffic anywhere within 100 feet of the cliffs, and in most places, no motorized vehicles between the Tabeguache Trail and the cliffs. The only vehicular access would be at currently well-established and designated access points, which should end with clearly marked signage well back from the rim (see Travel Management below). Visitors would appreciate the views all the more if they have to walk a few feet to see them

Organization, commenter: James Riddell

Comment ID: 000000123-5

• Travel Management Recommendation 1: no motorized vehicles within 100 feet of the rim above the Gunnison Slopes, and access to motorized vehicles to approach the cliffs should only be on two currently well-established roads that end well back from the rim, specifically routes 848 and 1192 in the preferred Alternative E. Rationale: preserve the naturalness, solitude and isolation of the area below the cliffs.

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 000000130-2

• Trail Number(s): 1192 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Route north of the wilderness Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): This route provides scenic views and exploration Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): Click here to enter text. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should be open to fullsize 4WD and all other motorized & non-motorized uses. Just because a route ends at private property doesn't mean that it has no value to the public for pleasure driving. Private property owners should not be granted exclusive use of this route. Public users enjoy using the route

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798,

1699, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific issue or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife photography & some hiking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail that's OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and piñon beetle) and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1193

### Segment: 1681

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3176

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1193

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus limifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 1196

### Segment: 1691

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1196

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1197

## Segment: 1692

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1197

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1198

## Segment: 1709

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1198

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1260. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to be added new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1199

### Segment: 1674

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1199

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 12

### Segment: 2034

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 12

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 120

### Segment: 2315

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 120

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-209

- Alt E's closure of duplicate and braided routes: There are many short braided routes like 102, 112, 120, and 349 throughout the NCA. I support the closing and rehabbing of them if they don't lead to nice dispersed campsites. Hiking passed them makes me think that no one cares about proper planning (if I didn't know the history of their creation). Duplicated braided routes are just eating up the area, damaging vegetation in areas where it is such a struggle for vegetation to survive. Now that this is an NCA, I support the BLM's intent in Alt E to close and re-vegetate such braided routes. I believe it is important to show respect for the protection of the land and its beauty by minimizing routes to those that are useful and fun and eliminating such unnecessary braids.

## Route: 1200

### Segment: 1677

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1200

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

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## Route: 1201

### Segment: 1669

#### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1201

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1202

### Segment: 1670

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

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- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1202

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1203

## Segment: 1668

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1203

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1204

### Segment: 1682

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1204

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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## Route: 1205

### Segment: 1666

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1205

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1206

### Segment: 1665

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1206

No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1207

### Segment: 1664

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1207

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1208

### Segment: 1667

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1208

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1209

### Segment: 1694

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1209

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 121

### Segment: 2336

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 121

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669,

1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1210

### Segment: 1685

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1210

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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## Route: 1212

### Segment: 1676

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1212

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

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## Route: 1213

### Segment: 1684

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1213

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

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## Route: 1214

### Segment: 1657

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1214

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

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## Route: 1215

### Segment: 1653

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1215

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1217

### Segment: 1425

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1217

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1218

### Segment: 1440

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1218

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1219

### Segment: 1480

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Wildlife
- Raptors

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1219

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-221

- Triangle Mesa route should be left open to horse and foot: 1416, 1406, 1219. I've hiked the loop part and it has some great views down into canyons of the wilderness that are breath-taking in wonder and beauty. I love seeing familiar places (in this case Big Dominguez Canyon) from a different perspective (above) as it brings a fresh view of familiar ground. This route is also listed in the popular book "Grand Junction Trails and Camping Guide" by Nattana Johnson.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-66

- Page 101 Zone 2 trails and solitude support the objective for Zone 2 of "Wilderness Zone 2: Manage recreation to protect outstanding opportunities for solitude (defined as an average number of contacts per visit of 4 or fewer)." I believe a good way to achieve this objective is by having trails in Zone 2 that lead people away from the main Big Dominguez Canyon Trail. Therefore I don't think the management action on page 102 of "Construct new routes only when accompanied by a comparable number of route closures that improves opportunities for solitude." is the right approach. The majority of hikers stay on trails. Not only is this true because so many hikers have been trained to stay off cryptobiotic soil ("Don't bust the crust") but because most hikers are just more comfortable on a trail. They don't want to get lost, they believe the trail will take them to the interesting locations that they'd otherwise miss if they went cross country and many believe they are required to stay on trails. The majority of visitors to the Wilderness are going to access it from the Bridgeport Trail head. What better way to spread those visitors out then to provide multiple directions for them to go, which means multiple trails. The Dry Fork Canyon trail accessed from 2610 (or equivalent) would be one diversion. I know several people who enjoy hiking that canyon with their friends. A trail up the canyon to the north of the private bridge would be another diversion. That trail could join up to 1219, Triangle Mesa loop trail. I've hiked that canyon and then hiked the Triangle Mesa Loop and it was very interesting to see Big Dominguez Canyon from a fresh perspective. The BLM needs to work with the local landowner to have the "private property no trespassing signs" removed that are to the north of the private bridge (not the ones on the bridge, which is clearly private property), assuming that BLM can prove this is public land (see IMG\_5040). So I think the management action for Zone 2 should be to keep the trail density low but add trails in diverse directions to spread users away from other users and thus achieve the desired solitude. The current Alt E management action for trail construction in zone 2 is too inflexible.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-52

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2Triangle Mesa: Quiet Trails Group would like to see the Triangle Mesa trail kept open in the Wilderness as a hiking and horse trail assuming that we can protect the special resources in the area. Routes 1416-1406-1219 should be left open to horse and foot with their connection to 1417 (horse and foot in Alt E).

## Route: 122

### Segment: 2309

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 122

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1220

### Segment: 1626

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Maintainence

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1220

Organization, commenter: Centennial Canoe Outfitters, Inc., Marty Genereux

Comment ID: 00000059-2

• Theme of My Comments: To return the Gunnison River corridor to the backcountry experience it once was years ago. Dominguez Canyon and the surrounding areas represent a recreational jewel that is slowly being "loved to death." However, I'm confident that with teamwork and foresight it can rebound. I'm ready and willing to help in the RMP process wherever needed. Permitting:Problem - Currently, there is no limit to the number of people accessing Dominguez Canyon. Reaching the canyon by boat and the sense of accomplishment it provided has given way to driving a car and crossing a footbridge.Solution Why reinvent the wheel? The Ruby-Horsethief section of Colorado River (CR) serves as a model of success when dealing with overcrowding. Granted, using the CR as a model would not be comparing apples to apples, mainly because the CR offers more camping and hiking options than the Gunnison River---all the more reason to regulate access. I don't believe private and commercial boaters should have an exclusive right to any area along the river. However, restricting the number of people would help return the Gunnison to a backcountry experience instead of the carnival atmosphere it is today. I would vote yes to see a paid-permit system based on historic use in place on the Gunnison River, primarily in Dominguez Canyon. Further, close the mouth of Dominguez Canyon for non-boating overnight camping from May 1 to October 1. Editorial:I feel a relative comparison to Dominguez Canyon is Black Rocks and Westwater Canyon, on the Colorado River. Neither, location has a roadway or footbridge accessing it. A huge calamity would result from private and commercial boaters alike if the Amtrak train stopped at Black Rocks so passengers could walk across a footbridge to hike Knowles Canyon. Why is Dominguez Canyon any different? I favor venturing to a special place like Dominguez Canyon by boat versus car. Moratorium:Problem - Overcrowding. Solution Why exacerbate an existing problem? I would vote yes on a moratorium for new commercial permits. Competitive Events:I feel large racing or competitive events would be better held in metropolitan areas equipped to deal with crowds, i.e. traffic, noise, trash, etc.Motorized Activities: Keep motorized activities separate from non-motorized by designating specific areas as not to conflict with each other. No motorized craft on the Gunnison River. Stewardship:Continue requiring groovers, firepans, ground tarps and "Leave No Trace" protocols. Escalante Canyon Rd. Put-in & Whitewater Take-out: Problem Both of these locations are in need of improvement. The put-in ramp is too small for the amount of traffic it receives and the Whitewater takeout is too small and restricted by the train tracks. It is very common for both ramps to be overwhelmed with boaters on busy launch and take-out days, i.e. Friday, Saturday, Sunday.Solution Realizing that the railroad restricts progress in both of these locations, I'm at a loss for a solution other than to relocate both of them. BLM land can be found and possibly utilized upstream of the Escalante Bridge, river right. Years ago, Andy Windsor and I explored this area and it had potential. My only (long shot) suggestion for the Whitewater take-out would be to approach the private land owner on river-left in Whitewater. This location is directly across from the existing Whitewater, BLM take-out. I spoke to this landowner years ago and he was not receptive to the idea. Plus, the dirt road to access this take-out is not in ideal condition. Hunting:I'm in favor of allowing hunting during hunting seasons. Horses:I'm in favor of horseback riding. Outfitter Group Size:I favor 25 heartbeats "plus" guides.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENTMr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross publicland. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to publicmotorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and privatelands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation.Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and waterdivisions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171~2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-30

• Route number 1220. This needs to be opened back up, it is an access to private as well as an access to an irrigation diversion.

## Route: 1221

### Segment: 1417

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1459

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1413

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1448

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1482

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1503

### Designation

## Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1512

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1573

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1578

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1593

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1215

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1227

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1275

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1364

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Maintenance
- Drainage issues

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1387

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Maintainence
- Drainage issues

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1393

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1221

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-10

• Routes such as the Gibler Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-9

• The RMP suggests that routes such as the small road up Gibler Gulch be closed until certain areas are repaired or rerouted. Adopting that kind of policy is not acceptable. It should remain open and if there are any places of critical concern for repair, then local motorized groups should be consulted for input and help to mitigate the concern. Trail work can be done to fix anything while the trail remains open.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-38

• The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail. Map 1 - Road Densities by watershed This map shows varying road densities with the DENCA. The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area. The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high route densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health. The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, closing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes. The water shed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbello Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained. Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation Areas This map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape. List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011 Photo-point explanation1. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list. 2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website). Route 8 is shown in purple and starts south of Cactus Park Road, #15.3. Photos 82 - 95 were taken on Route 1235 branching east off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mt. Route 1235 is found on both the Cactus Park map and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park map on the DENCA website. 4. On the Farmers Canyon map, Route 1235 joins routes 1236, 1228 and 1409 until it connects with 1221. 5. The route numbers used here are from the web maps and may not correspond with the route numbers on Lee's paper maps. 6. Photo 0707 was taken along Route 26, near the northeast corner of the Gunnison Bluffs Citizen Proposed wilderness List of Photo-points drawn on the Cactus Park and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park maps (found on the DENCA website): 0660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 8 0661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol 0662 Braided tracks, cryptogamic soil disturbance, rough road 0665 One of few less jolting sections of road 0672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untrailed, nonmotorized primitive area. 0674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south 0675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 0677 Closer view from the south 0682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. 0684 Same 0689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untrailed, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area 0695 Same 0699 View of Route 8 0705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 8 0707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798,

1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1222

### Segment: 1430

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1222

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1224

### Segment: 1419

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1224

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1225

### Segment: 1412

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1225

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1226

### Segment: 1432

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1226

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1227

### Segment: 1449

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian–ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1227

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1228

### Segment: 1427

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1228

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the

routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-38

• The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail. Map 1 - Road Densities by watershed This map shows varying road densities with the DENCA. The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area. The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high route densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health. The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, closing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes. The water shed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbelly Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained. Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation Areas This map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape.

List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011 Photo-point explanation. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list. 2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website). Route 8 is shown in purple and starts south of Cactus Park Road, #15. 3. Photos 82 - 95 were taken on Route 1235 branching east off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mt. Route 1235 is found on both the Cactus Park map and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park map on the DENCA website. 4. On the Farmers Canyon map, Route 1235 joins routes 1236, 1228 and 1409 until it connects with 1221. 5. The route numbers used here are from the web maps and may not correspond with the route numbers on Lee's paper maps. 6. Photo 0707 was taken along Route 26, near the northeast corner of the Gunnison Bluffs Citizen Proposed wilderness List of Photo-points drawn on the Cactus Park and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park maps (found on the DENCA website): 0660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 80661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol 0662 Braided tracks, cryptogamic soil disturbance, rough road 0665 One of few less jolting sections of road 0672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untraced, nonmotorized primitive area. 0674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south 0675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 0677 Closer view from the south 0682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. 0684 Same 0689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untraced, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area 0695 Same 0699 View of Route 8 0705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 80707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1229

### Segment: 1424

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1229

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 123

### Segment: 2303

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 123

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1230

### Segment: 1409

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1230

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1231

### Segment: 1421

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1231

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1232

### Segment: 1487

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1232

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1233

### Segment: 1470

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1233

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-3

- The second routes are 1377, 1233 and 1415 in Cactus Park. By closing these routes, it makes accessing the Wilderness a lot more difficult for a larger number of users. I would suggest keeping these routes open to motorized users and adding a parking lot to enable users access the Dominguez Canyon at that point. Otherwise, if you come into the NCA from the north and wish to access the Wilderness, the users will access from the Bridgeport Road and the mouth of Big Dominguez Canyon. This will only increase the usage by hikers, rafters, equestrian users, etc. As the usage increases, I can see numerous user conflicts by compressing the majority of the access through one location.

## Route: 1234

### Segment: 1415

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
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- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1234

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1235

### Segment: 1536

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

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##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

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- RANGE Access to range improvement
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Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-10

• Routes such as the Gibler Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-38

• The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail. Map 1 - Road Densities by watershed This map shows varying road densities with the DENCA. The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area. The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high route densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health. The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, closing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes. The watershed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbelly Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained. Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation Areas This map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape. List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011 Photo-point explanation. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list. 2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website). Route 8 is shown in purple and starts south of Cactus Park Road, #15. 3. Photos 82 - 95 were taken on Route 1235 branching east off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mt. Route 1235 is found on both the Cactus Park map and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park map on the DENCA website. 4. On the Farmers Canyon map, Route 1235 joins routes 1236, 1228 and 1409 until it connects with 1221. 5. The route numbers used here are from the web maps and may not correspond with the route numbers on Lee's paper maps. 6. Photo 0707 was taken along Route 26, near the northeast corner of the Gunnison Bluffs Citizen Proposed wilderness List of Photo-points drawn on the Cactus Park and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park maps (found on the DENCA website): 0660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 80661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol 0662 Braided tracks, cryptogamic soil disturbance, rough road 0665 One of few less jolting sections of road 0672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untrailed, nonmotorized primitive area. 0674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south 0675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 0677 Closer view from the south 0682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. 0684 Same 0689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untrailed, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area 0695 Same 0699 View of Route 8 0705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 8 0707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

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## Route: 1236

### Segment: 1426

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
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#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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• The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail. Map 1 - Road Densities by watershed This map shows varying road densities with the DENCA. The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area. The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high route densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health. The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, reducing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes. The water shed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbelly Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained. Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation Areas This map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape. List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011 Photo-point explanation 1. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list. 2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website). Route 8 is shown in purple and starts south of Cactus Park Road, #15.3. Photos 82 - 95 were taken on Route 1235 branching east off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mt. Route 1235 is found on both the Cactus Park map and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park map on the DENCA website. 4. On the Farmers Canyon map, Route 1235 joins routes 1236, 1228 and 1409 until it connects with 1221. 5. The route numbers used here are from the web maps and may not correspond with the route numbers on Lee's paper maps. 6. Photo 0707 was taken along Route 26, near the northeast corner of the Gunnison Bluffs Citizen Proposed wilderness List of Photo-points drawn on the Cactus Park and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park maps (found on the DENCA website): o660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 80661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol o662 Braided tracks, cryptogamic soil disturbance, rough road o665 One of few less jolting sections of road o672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untrailed, nonmotorized primitive area. o674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south o675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 o677 Closer view from the south o682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. o684 Same o689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untrailed, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area o695 Same o699 View of Route 8 o705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 80707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

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## Route: 1237

### Segment: 1405

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1237

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1238

### Segment: 1688

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motoreycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 9 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1238

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1239

### Segment: 1652

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1239

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## Route: 124

### Segment: 2302

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 124

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1240

### Segment: 1651

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1240

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1241

### Segment: 1649

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

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##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1241

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1242

### Segment: 1663

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1242

- Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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## Route: 1243

### Segment: 1750

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1243

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENTMr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Finally, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-29

- Route number 1243. If this is the old bridge, the bridge is private owned and not open for discussion.

## Route: 1244

### Segment: 1654

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1244

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1245

#### Segment: 2997

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Segment: 2996

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 2998

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 2995

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands

- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1245

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. In addition, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-28

- Route number 1245. Needs to be opened back up or administrative as it is an access to private.

## Route: 1246

### Segment: 1637

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1246

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1247

### Segment: 1646

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1247

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1249

### Segment: 1735

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1249

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-10

• Routes such as the Gibler Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872." are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (*Astragalus linifolius*), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species." o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609, 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456, 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 125

### Segment: 2300

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 125

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1250

### Segment: 1640

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1250

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1252

### Segment: 1648

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 2913

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1252

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1253

### Segment: 1639

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1253

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1254

### Segment: 1662

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1254

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1256

### Segment: 1631

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1256

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1257

#### Segment: 1625

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1257

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1258

#### Segment: 1634

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1258

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1259

#### Segment: 1635

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

#### Segment: 1647

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1658

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1259

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1260

### Segment: 1624

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1260

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1261

### Segment: 1632

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1261

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1262

### Segment: 1622

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1262

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1263

### Segment: 1671

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1263

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609, 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456, 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164,

2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

- [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 "and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1264

### Segment: 1623

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1264

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1266

### Segment: 1618

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1266

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1267

### Segment: 1621

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1267

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1269

### Segment: 1629

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1269

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872, "are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus limifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 127

### Segment: 2799

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 127

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669,

1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1270

### Segment: 1605

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1270

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1271

### Segment: 1603

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1611

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1271

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1272

### Segment: 1604

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1606

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1272

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1273

### Segment: 1630

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1636

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1273

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1274

## Segment: 1597

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1274

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1276

### Segment: 1595

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1276

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1277

### Segment: 1619

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1277

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1278

### Segment: 1614

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1278

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1279

### Segment: 1591

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1279

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1280

## Segment: 1596

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1280

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1281

### Segment: 1602

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1281

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1282

### Segment: 1587

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1282

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1283

### Segment: 1592

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1283

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1284

## Segment: 1590

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1284

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1285

### Segment: 1600

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1285

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1286

### Segment: 1650

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1286

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

- Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1288

### Segment: 1616

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1288

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1289

### Segment: 1601

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1289

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 129

### Segment: 2797

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 129

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1290

### Segment: 1661

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1290

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1292

### Segment: 1711

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

**Designation Following Mitigation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1292

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-44

• 1292, 1315, 1331, 1340 (Easternnob' flanked to the south by Triangle Mesa and to the north by the Ninemile Hill ERMA): A recommendation for these routes be left open for hike and horse was included in the QTG's scoping comments. In the draft's preferred alternative they are slated for closure. The QTG again states our interest in this being left open for quiet users, but we expand that list to include mountain bikers. We envision this route being extended to continue around the rim, eventually crossing 1192, before continuing along the rim northward as part of a long rim quiet trail within Ninemile Hill. Once reaching the Ninemile Hill ERMA, after crossing route 830, the rim route would change to just horse and foot to be consistent with the objectives of the ERMA. This is consistent with our recommendation of eliminating overlap between the ATV SRMA and the Bighorn Sheep Production, Winter and Summer Areas

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific is sure or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potography & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1293

### Segment: 1583

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1293

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1294

### Segment: 1570

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1294

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1295

### Segment: 1575

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1295

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1297

### Segment: 1567

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1297

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1298

### Segment: 1568

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1298

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 13

## Segment: 2025

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 13

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

- Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus limifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 1300

### Segment: 1577

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1300

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1301

### Segment: 1589

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1301

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1302

### Segment: 1569

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1302

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1303

### Segment: 1582

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Segment: 1585

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1303

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1304

### Segment: 1586

#### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1304

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1305

### Segment: 1558

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1305

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1306

### Segment: 1557

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Public Comments On Route: 1306

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1307

##### Segment: 1555

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1307

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1308

##### Segment: 1565

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1308

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1309

### Segment: 1561

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1563

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1309

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

- Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1310

### Segment: 1584

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1310

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1311

### Segment: 1581

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG – PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1311

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1312

### Segment: 1559

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1312

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

- Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1313

### Segment: 1576

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1313

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1314

### Segment: 1566

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1314

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1315

### Segment: 1572

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1315

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-44

- 1292, 1315, 1331, 1340 (Easternnob' flanked to the south by Triangle Mesa and to the north by the Ninemile Hill ERMA): A recommendation for these routes be left open for hike and horse was included in the QTG's scoping comments. In the draft's preferred alternative they are slated for closure. The QTG again states our interest in this being left open for quiet users, but we expand that list to include mountain bikers. We envision this route being extended to continue around the rim, eventually crossing 1192, before continuing along the rim northward as part of a long rim quiet trail within Ninemile Hill. Once reaching the Ninemile Hill ERMA, after crossing route 830, the rim route would change to just horse and foot to be consistent with the objectives of the ERMA. This is consistent with our recommendation of eliminating overlap between the ATV SRMA and the Bighorn Sheep Production, Winter and Summer Areas

## Route: 1316

### Segment: 1554

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1316

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1317

### Segment: 1571

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1317

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1318

### Segment: 1556

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1318

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 132

### Segment: 2793

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

RANGE Range access for general livestock management

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 132

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1320

### Segment: 1551

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1320

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686,

1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1321

### Segment: 1560

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1321

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1323

### Segment: 1547

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1580

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1323

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1324

### Segment: 1550

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1324

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1325

### Segment: 1544

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1325

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1326

### Segment: 1537

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1539

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1326

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1327

### Segment: 1534

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1327

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1328

### Segment: 1531

### Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1328

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1329

### Segment: 1533

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1329

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 133

### Segment: 2791

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Public Comments On Route: 133

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1330

#### Segment: 1543

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1330

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

- Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

### Route: 1331

## Segment: 1552

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1331

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-44

- 1292, 1315, 1331, 1340 (Easternnob' flanked to the south by Triangle Mesa and to the north by the Ninemile Hill ERMA): A recommendation for these routes be left open for hike and horse was included in the QTG's scoping comments. In the draft's preferred alternative they are slated for closure. The QTG again states our interest in this being left open for quiet users, but we expand that list to include mountain bikers. We envision this route being extended to continue around the rim, eventually crossing 1192, before continuing along the rim northward as part of a long rim quiet trail within Ninemile Hill. Once reaching the Ninemile Hill ERMA, after crossing route 830, the rim route would change to just horse and foot to be consistent with the objectives of the ERMA. This is consistent with our recommendation of eliminating overlap between the ATV SRMA and the Bighorn Sheep Production, Winter and Summer Areas

## Route: 1332

### Segment: 1545

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1332

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1333

### Segment: 1522

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1333

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1334

### Segment: 1525

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1334

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1335

### Segment: 1529

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1335

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1336

### Segment: 1528

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1538

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1336

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1337

### Segment: 1530

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D: Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1337

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1339

### Segment: 1519

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1339

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 134

### Segment: 2790

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 134

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1340

### Segment: 1524

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1340

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-44

- 1292, 1315, 1331, 1340 (Easternnob' flanked to the south by Triangle Mesa and to the north by the Ninemile Hill ERMA): A recommendation for these routes be left open for hike and horse was included in the QTG's scoping comments. In the draft's preferred alternative they are slated for closure. The QTG again states our interest in this being left open for quiet users, but we expand that list to include mountain bikers. We envision this route being extended to continue around the rim, eventually crossing 1192, before continuing along the rim northward as part of a long rim quiet trail within Ninemile Hill. Once reaching the Ninemile Hill ERMA, after crossing route 830, the rim route would change to just horse and foot to be consistent with the objectives of the ERMA. This is consistent with our recommendation of eliminating overlap between the ATV SRMA and the Bighorn Sheep Production, Winter and Summer Areas

## Route: 1341

### Segment: 1518

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1341

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1342

### Segment: 1532

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1342

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1344

### Segment: 1526

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1344

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

- Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1345

### Segment: 1513

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1345

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1346

### Segment: 1520

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1346

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1347

### Segment: 1521

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1347

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1348

### Segment: 1510

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1348

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1349

#### Segment: 1574

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 9 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1349

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320,

301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 135

### Segment: 2788

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 135

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1351

### Segment: 1511

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1351

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1352

#### Segment: 1505

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1352

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1353

#### Segment: 1502

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1353

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1354

### Segment: 1517

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1354

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1355

### Segment: 1506

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1355

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1356

### Segment: 1514

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1356

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1357

### Segment: 1507

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1357

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1358

#### Segment: 1497

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1358

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1359

#### Segment: 1499

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1359

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 136

### Segment: 2795

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 136

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-36

- 136 (north end of Ninemile Hill area west of 26): This motorized route should be continued about 800 feet (as it currently continues on the ground) to a designated camping spot and turn-around, unless there is a conflict with other resources

## Route: 1360

### Segment: 1523

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1360

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1361

### Segment: 1498

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1361

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1362

### Segment: 1500

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1362

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1363

### Segment: 1516

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1363

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1364

## Segment: 1509

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1364

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1365

### Segment: 1501

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1365

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1366

### Segment: 1504

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1366

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1367

### Segment: 1490

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1367

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1368

### Segment: 1496

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1368

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1369

### Segment: 1488

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1369

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 137

#### Segment: 2786

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 137

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1371

#### Segment: 1484

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1371

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1372

### Segment: 1495

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1372

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1373

### Segment: 1483

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1373

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1374

### Segment: 1493

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1374

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1375

### Segment: 1492

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1375

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1376

### Segment: 1477

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1376

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1377

### Segment: 1564

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1377

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-3

- The second routes are 1377, 1233 and 1415 in Cactus Park. By closing these routes, it makes accessing the Wilderness a lot more difficult for a larger number of users. I would suggest keeping these routes open to motorized users and adding a parking lot to enable users access the Dominguez Canyon at that point. Otherwise, if you come into the NCA from the north and wish to access the Wilderness, the users will access from the Bridgeport Road and the mouth of Big Dominguez Canyon. This will only increase the usage by hikers, rafters, equestrian users, etc. As the usage increases, I can see numerous user conflicts by compressing the majority of the access through one location.

## Route: 1378

### Segment: 1471

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1378

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 138

### Segment: 2787

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 138

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1381

#### Segment: 1466

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Segment: 1467

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1472

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1381

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1383

### Segment: 1494

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 1383

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1384

#### Segment: 1475

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1384

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1385

#### Segment: 1473

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### **Public Comments On Route: 1385**

- No public comments for this Route

### **Route: 1387**

#### **Segment: 1465**

#### **Designation**

##### **Current Designation**

Closed (Rehab)

##### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### **Rationale**

##### **Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### **Public Comments On Route: 1387**

- No public comments for this Route

### **Route: 1388**

#### **Segment: 1481**

#### **Designation**

##### **Current Designation**

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1508

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1462

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1388

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-222

- Route 2628 should be closed. I can see leaving the routes that lead to and include 1388 open as Admin/Permittee, as 1388 leads to a stock pond (which had water in it on Aug 4th 2013 IMG\_9799). But the eastern end of 2628 is on top of a narrow berm that has only had cows walking across it. The western end leads to nothing of worth from an Admin/Permittee perspective. 2628 should be closed.

## Route: 139

### Segment: 2785

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 139

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-216

- Route 139 is indicated in Alternative E as open for Admin/Permittee. While it provides access to a stock pond this route drives straight up the slope of the dam and does not conform to the rule for sustainable routes (see photo IMG\_9822). Its visibility when approaching from the north is acting as an attractive nuisance to those seeking a motorized "jump" spot.

## Route: 1390

### Segment: 1463

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1390

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1391

#### Segment: 1457

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Segment: 1479

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1391

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1393

### Segment: 1458

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1393

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

- [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1395

### Segment: 1451

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1395

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1396

### Segment: 1438

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1456

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1396

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1397

### Segment: 1444

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1397

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1398

### Segment: 1446

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1398

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1399

#### Segment: 1435

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1399

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 14

#### Segment: 2013

### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 14

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 140

### Segment: 2783

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 140

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1400

### Segment: 1431

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

### Public Comments On Route: 1400

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1401

#### Segment: 1450

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

### Public Comments On Route: 1401

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1402

#### Segment: 1434

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1402

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1403

#### Segment: 1433

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1403

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1404

#### Segment: 1406

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1404

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1406

#### Segment: 1429

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Wildlife
- Raptors

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Public Comments On Route: 1406

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-221

- Triangle Mesa route should be left open to horse and foot: 1416, 1406, 1219. I've hiked the loop part and it has some great views down into canyons of the wilderness that are breath-taking in wonder and beauty. I love seeing familiar places (in this case Big Dominguez Canyon) from a different perspective (above) as it brings a fresh view of familiar ground. This route is also listed in the popular book "Grand Junction Trails and Camping Guide" by Nattana Johnson.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-52

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2Triangle Mesa: Quiet Trails Group would like to see the Triangle Mesa trail kept open in the Wilderness as a hiking and horse trail assuming that we can protect the special resources in the area. Routes 1416-1406-1219 should be left open to horse and foot with their connection to 1417 (horse and foot in Alt E).

## Route: 1407

### Segment: 1403

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1407

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1408

### Segment: 1397

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1408

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1409

### Segment: 1408

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Maintenance
- Cultural
- Drainage issues

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1409

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 00000089-10

• Routes such as the Gible Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gible Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gible Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gible Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gible Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gible Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gible Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gible Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872, "are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus limifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species." o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Pondersa Pine atop Gible Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Pondersa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Pondersa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the

final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-38

• The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail. Map 1 - Road Densities by watershed This map shows varying road densities with the DENCA. The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area. The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high road densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health. The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, closing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes. The water shed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbelly Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained. Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation Areas This map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape.

List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011 Photo-point explanation 1. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list. 2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website). Route 8 is shown in purple and starts south of Cactus Park Road, #15. 3. Photos 82 - 95 were taken on Route 1235 branching east off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mt. Route 1235 is found on both the Cactus Park map and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park map on the DENCA website. 4. On the Farmers Canyon map, Route 1235 joins routes 1236, 1228 and 1409 until it connects with 1221. 5. The route numbers used here are from the web maps and may not correspond with the route numbers on Lee's paper maps. 6. Photo 0707 was taken along Route 26, near the northeast corner of the Gunnison Bluffs Citizen Proposed wilderness List of Photo-points drawn on the Cactus Park and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park maps (found on the DENCA website): 0660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 80661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol 0662 Braided tracks, cryptogamic soil disturbance, rough road 0665 One of few less jolting sections of road 0672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untrailed, nonmotorized primitive area. 0674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south 0675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 0677 Closer view from the south 0682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. 0684 Same 0689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untrailed, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area 0695 Same 0699 View of Route 8 0705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 80707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 141

### Segment: 2781

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 141

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1411

## Segment: 1396

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1411

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1412

### Segment: 1404

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1412

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1413

### Segment: 1407

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Segment: 1390

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG – PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1413

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1415

### Segment: 1416

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1415

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-3

- The second routes are 1377, 1233 and 1415 in Cactus Park. By closing these routes, it makes accessing the Wilderness a lot more difficult for a larger number of users. I would suggest keeping these routes open to motorized users and adding a parking lot to enable users access the Dominguez Canyon at that point. Otherwise, if you come into the NCA from the north and wish to access the Wilderness, the users will access from the Bridgeport Road and the mouth of Big Dominguez Canyon. This will only increase the usage by hikers, rafters, equestrian users, etc. As the usage increases, I can see numerous user conflicts by compressing the majority of the access through one location.

## Route: 1416

### Segment: 1398

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Wildlife
- Raptors

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1416

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-221

- Triangle Mesa route should be left open to horse and foot: 1416, 1406, 1219. I've hiked the loop part and it has some great views down into canyons of the wilderness that are breath-taking in wonder and beauty. I love seeing familiar places (in this case Big Dominguez Canyon) from a different perspective (above) as it brings a fresh view of familiar ground. This route is also listed in the popular book "Grand Junction Trails and Camping Guide" by Nattana Johnson.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-52

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2Triangle Mesa: Quiet Trails Group would like to see the Triangle Mesa trail kept open in the Wilderness as a hiking and horse trail assuming that we can protect the special resources in the area. Routes 1416-1406-1219 should be left open to horse and foot with their connection to 1417 (horse and foot in Alt E).

## Route: 1417

### Segment: 1385

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1417

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-52

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2Triangle Mesa: Quiet Trails Group would like to see the Triangle Mesa trail kept open in the Wilderness as a hiking and horse trail assuming that we can protect the special resources in the area. Routes 1416-1406-1219 should be left open to horse and foot with their connection to 1417 (horse and foot in Alt E).

## Route: 1418

### Segment: 1402

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas

- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 1420

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1418

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-51

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments:Zone 1]Suggested Route: Quiet Trails Group sees a need for a foot trail over to the waterfall. There is a cairned route on the ground that is not included in the inventory and we believe this should be an officially recognized trail. The waterfall area makes a very pleasant spot to take a break by the sounds of rushing water.

## Route: 1419

### Segment: 1474

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Public Comments On Route: 1419

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 142

##### Segment: 2780

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 142

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1420

##### Segment: 1383

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Public Comments On Route: 1420

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1421

#### Segment: 1410

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1421

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1422

#### Segment: 1401

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1422

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1424

### Segment: 1389

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1424

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1425

### Segment: 1384

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1425

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1426

### Segment: 1378

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1426

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1427

### Segment: 1376

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1427

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1428

### Segment: 1380

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1428

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1429

### Segment: 1379

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1429

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 143

### Segment: 2779

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 143

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1430

### Segment: 1375

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1430

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1431

### Segment: 1371

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1372

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1431

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1432

### Segment: 1454

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1432

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1434

### Segment: 1386

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1434

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-42

- 1434, 1456 (Gibbler Gulch Area): During scoping QTG recommended that the route going down Gibbler Gulch be designated for hiking and horseback. In the draft's preferred alternative, it shows administrative. If we are correct in our understanding that BLM is actively working to acquire the private property to which it goes, QTG would like to repeat this recommendation but extend it to include mountain biking. Given the presence of riparian ecosystems in the area this route should be limited to non-motorized

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

- Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609, 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1435

### Segment: 1358

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1359

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1435

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1436

### Segment: 1365

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1436

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1437

### Segment: 1368

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1437

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1438

### Segment: 1362

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1438

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1439

#### Segment: 1388

##### Designation

###### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1439

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 144

#### Segment: 2775

##### Designation

###### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 144

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1440

### Segment: 1353

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1440

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1444

### Segment: 1347

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1444

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1445

### Segment: 1354

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1445

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1446

### Segment: 1345

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)



- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1449

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-223

- 1465-1462-1449 I support the closing of these trails. At first I thought that the start of 1465 should be left open as the first clearing might make a good parking/camping area. But on a recent visit I could see that the slope of the land leaves the clearing as a sea of mud. Other places had dried out but here the mud was thick and nasty. Not a good spot to park and certainly not a good spot to camp. These routes have seen very little usage and the vegetation is growing in from the sides and up in the middle. Both 1462 and 1449 just kind of peter out and turning around a vehicle would be problematic.

## Route: 145

### Segment: 2776

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 145

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1450

### Segment: 1338

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Segment: 1369

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Segment: 1346

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1450

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1451

### Segment: 1343

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1451

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1453

### Segment: 1330

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1453

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1454

### Segment: 1342

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1351

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1454

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1455

### Segment: 1344

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1455

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1456

### Segment: 1366

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 5 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1456

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-42

• 1434, 1456 (Gibbler Gulch Area): During scoping QTG commenter recommended that the route going down Gibbler Gulch be designated for hiking and horseback. In the draft's preferred alternative, it shows administrative. If we are correct in our understanding that BLM is actively working to acquire the private property to which it goes, QTG would like to repeat this recommendation but extend it to include mountain biking. Given the presence of riparian ecosystems in the area this route should be limited to non-motorized

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1457

### Segment: 1422

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1457

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-64

• Page 99 Zone 1 in WildernessIn principle I support the position of limiting foot and horse travel to designated routes within Zone 1. However, I think some side trails need to be considered part of the designated route. - There are several cultural (some historic some prehistoric) that are worth getting a look that require a few steps away from the trail. For example the old coral and nearby structures are quite interesting and some of the rock art panels are on large boulders perpendicular to the trail. - The lower and upper waterfalls are nice places to sit and enjoy the sounds of the rushing water. Both spots are surrounded by exposed rock so make good sitting places. As part of a volunteer BLM work crew we cairned specific trails to the upper waterfall, so BLM is well aware of that trail. - Trail 2610 should be kept open to horse and foot and not closed. It should be extended in the inventory as it exists on the ground as a trail leading into Dry Fork canyon (a side canyon off Big D). The advantage of keeping this trail open is that it pulls some people away from the more heavily used Big D Canyon trail and it allows people to continue to enjoy this nice side canyon which is part of Zone 2. By directing some people away from the rest of Big D it works to protect the some of the cultural resources of Zone 1. I see from map 3-13 that special species exist at the bottom of Dry Fork canyon. Zone 1 could be continued an appropriate distance up this trail to ensure people stay on a designated trail. - I'm not quite sure what the BLM's expectations are for people seeking quick relief behind a bush. Will that be considered staying on the designated trail?- Consider the amazing adventure had by this blogger within Zone 1. Shouldn't other people continue to get to at least some of those nice water views? I think they should. <http://blog.bigskyconvection.com/2011/08/2011-april-6th-big-dominguez-creek.html>For years now everyone (or most everyone) has stayed on the East Side of the Creek in Little Dominguez Canyon for the mile of property occupied by Mr. Rambo. Once this restriction is no longer in place, it appears to me that there may be some opportunities for the creation of new side trails from Little Dominguez main trail, up to the mesa top to perhaps join with route 1493. How can people like me explore the viability of such possible new official trails if travel is limited to just 1457, 1486 and 1501 in the first part of Little Dominguez Canyon? I don't want to approach the BLM to build a trail unless I've hiked the area to satisfy myself that the hike is doable. Zone 1 should either end at the boundary where the current sign reads "Private Property Next 1 Mile..." or text should be added to indicate that "BLM, working with volunteers or partners, will examine the possibility of establishing side trails leading from Little Dominguez to the mesa to the west of Little Dominguez when Mr Rambo is not long maintaining his property lease."

## Route: 1458

### Segment: 1333

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1458

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1459

### Segment: 1373

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1459

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-41

- 1459 (off Divide Road, off 1504): Route is shown as being closed. Keep open until an alternate road to a better view point can be developed. 1509 leads to a somewhat better view point but as it hugs a private property line and is wide open to view from nearby property owner's homes, it is best closed

## Route: 146

### Segment: 2774

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 146

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1460

### Segment: 1328

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1460

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1462

### Segment: 1335

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1462

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-223

- 1465-1462-1449 I support the closing of these trails. At first I thought that the start of 1465 should be left open as the first clearing might make a good parking/camping area. But on a recent visit I could see that the slope of the land leaves the clearing as a sea of mud. Other places had dried out but here the mud was thick and nasty. Not a good spot to park and certainly not a good spot to camp. These routes have seen very little usage and the vegetation is growing in from the sides and up in the middle. Both 1462 and 1449 just kind of peter out and turning around a vehicle would be problematic.

## Route: 1463

### Segment: 1327

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative C:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1463

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1465

### Segment: 1336

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1465

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-223

- 1465-1462-1449 I support the closing of these trails. At first I thought that the start of 1465 should be left open as the first clearing might make a good parking/camping area. But on a recent visit I could see that the slope of the land leaves the clearing as a sea of mud. Other places had dried out but here the mud was thick and nasty. Not a good spot to park and certainly not a good spot to camp. These routes have seen very little usage and the vegetation is growing in from the sides and up in the middle. Both 1462 and 1449 just kind of peter out and turning around a vehicle would be problematic.

## Route: 1466

### Segment: 1323

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1466

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1468

### Segment: 1321

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1468

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 147

### Segment: 2773

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 147

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1470

### Segment: 1316

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Mitigate slope?

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1470

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1472

#### Segment: 1332

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 1472

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1473

#### Segment: 1300

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Public Comments On Route: 1473

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1474

##### Segment: 1298

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Public Comments On Route: 1474

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1475

##### Segment: 1301

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1475

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1476

#### Segment: 1295

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1476

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1477

#### Segment: 1331

### Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1477

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1478

### Segment: 1313

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1478

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1479

### Segment: 1305

## Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Wilderness

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1479

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 148

### Segment: 2778

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 148

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have

the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1481

### Segment: 1296

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1481

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1483

### Segment: 1311

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1483

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1485

#### Segment: 1314

##### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Segment: 1318

##### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1322

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1281

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1309

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1485

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-40

- 1485 (off Divide Road): Route is shown being closed about 66 feet short of an excellent view point and large parking/turn-around area. Route should be kept open to include access to that view point and perhaps more importantly to a parking/turn-around area. As mining remnants are visible in the area, an interpretative sign here about historic mining in the area would be worthwhile

## Route: 1486

### Segment: 1326

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennal stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1486

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-64

- Page 99 Zone 1 in WildernessIn principle I support the position of limiting foot and horse travel to designated routes within Zone 1. However, I think some side trails need to be considered part of the designated route. - There are several cultural (some historic some prehistoric) that are worth getting a look that require a few steps away from the trail. For example the old coral and nearby structures are quite interesting and some of the rock art panels are on large boulders perpendicular to the trail. - The lower and upper waterfalls are nice places to sit and enjoy the sounds of the rushing water. Both spots are surrounded by exposed rock so make good sitting places. As part of a volunteer BLM work crew we cairned specific trails to the upper waterfall, so BLM is well aware of that trail.- Trail 2610 should be kept open to horse and foot and not closed. It should be extended in the inventory as it exists on the ground as a trail leading into Dry Fork canyon (a side canyon off Big D). The advantage of keeping this trail open is that it pulls some people away from the more heavily used Big D Canyon trail and it allows people to continue to enjoy this nice side canyon which is part of Zone 2. By directing some people away from the rest of Big D it works to protect the some of the cultural resources of Zone 1. I see from map 3-13 that special species exist at the bottom of Dry Fork canyon. Zone 1 could be continued an appropriate distance up this trail to ensure people stay on a designated trail. - I'm not quite sure what the BLM's expectations are for people seeking quick relief behind a bush. Will that be considered staying on the designated trail?- Consider the amazing adventure had by this blogger within Zone 1. Shouldn't other people continue to get to at least some of those nice water views? I think they should. <http://blog.bigskyconvection.com/2011/08/2011-april-6th-big-dominguez-creek.html>For years now everyone (or most everyone) has stayed on the East Side of the Creek in Little Dominguez Canyon for the mile of property occupied by Mr. Rambo. Once this restriction is no longer in place, it appears to me that there may be some opportunities for the creation of new side trails from Little Dominguez main trail, up to the mesa top to perhaps join with route 1493. How can people like me explore the viability of such possible new official trails if travel is limited to just 1457, 1486 and 1501 in the first part of Little Dominguez Canyon? I don't want to approach the BLM to build a trail unless I've hiked the area to satisfy myself that the hike is doable. Zone 1 should either end at the boundary where the current sign reads "Private Property Next 1 Mile..." or text should be added to indicate that "BLM, working with volunteers or partners, will examine the possibility of establishing side trails leading from Little Dominguez to the mesa to the west of

| Little Dominguez when Mr Rambo is not long maintaining his property lease."

## Route: 1487

### Segment: 1280

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1487

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1488

### Segment: 1394

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1488

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1489

### Segment: 1288

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1489

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 149

### Segment: 2777

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative C:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 149

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1493

### Segment: 1299

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1493

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-64

• Page 99 Zone 1 in WildernessIn principle I support the position of limiting foot and horse travel to designated routes within Zone 1. However, I think some side trails need to be considered part of the designated route. - There are several cultural (some historic some prehistoric) that are worth getting a look that require a few steps away from the trail. For example the old coral and nearby structures are quite interesting and some of the rock art panels are on large boulders perpendicular to the trail. - The lower and upper waterfalls are nice places to sit and enjoy the sounds of the rushing water. Both spots are surrounded by exposed rock so make good sitting places. As part of a volunteer BLM work crew we cairned specific trails to the upper waterfall, so BLM is well aware of that trail. - Trail 2610 should be kept open to horse and foot and not closed. It should be extended in the inventory as it exists on the ground as a trail leading into Dry Fork canyon (a side canyon off Big D). The advantage of keeping this trail open is that it pulls some people away from the more heavily used Big D Canyon trail and it allows people to continue to enjoy this nice side canyon which is part of Zone 2. By directing some people away from the rest of Big D it works to protect the some of the cultural resources of Zone 1. I see from map 3-13 that special species exist at the bottom of Dry Fork canyon. Zone 1 could be continued an appropriate distance up this trail to ensure people stay on a designated trail. - I'm not quite sure what the BLM's expectations are for people seeking quick relief behind a bush. Will that be considered staying on the designated trail?- Consider the amazing adventure had by this blogger within Zone 1. Shouldn't other people continue to get to at least some of those nice water views? I think they should. <http://blog.bigskyconvection.com/2011/08/2011-april-6th-big-dominguez-creek.html>For years now everyone (or most everyone) has stayed on the East Side of the Creek in Little Dominguez Canyon for the mile of property occupied by Mr. Rambo. Once this restriction is no longer in place, it appears to me that there may be some opportunities for the creation of new side trails from Little Dominguez main trail, up to the mesa top to perhaps join with route 1493. How can people like me explore the viability of such possible new official trails if travel is limited to just 1457, 1486 and 1501 in the first part of Little Dominguez Canyon? I don't want to approach the BLM to build a trail unless I've hiked the area to satisfy myself that the hike is doable. Zone 1 should either end at the boundary where the current sign reads "Private Property Next 1 Mile..." or text should be added to indicate that "BLM, working with volunteers or partners, will examine the possibility of establishing side trails leading from Little Dominguez to the mesa to the west of Little Dominguez when Mr Rambo is not long maintaining his property lease."

## Route: 1495

### Segment: 1263

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1495

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1496

### Segment: 1270

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1496

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163,

2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1497

### Segment: 1271

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1497

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1498

### Segment: 1265

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1498

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 15

#### Segment: 1012

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

#### Segment: 1017

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

#### Segment: 1047

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1088

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1099

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1104

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1121

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1153

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1161

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: County
- Alternative B: County
- Alternative C: County
- Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1164

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: County
- Alternative B: County
- Alternative C: County
- Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1174

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: County
- Alternative B: County
- Alternative C: County
- Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1179

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1182

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1184

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1198

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1264

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1307

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1324

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1329

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1355

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1356

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

### Segment: 1377

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

### Segment: 1455

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1535

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1594

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1607

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1660

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1675

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1678

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1679

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1680

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1686

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1687

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1700

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1708

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1730

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: County
- Alternative B: County
- Alternative C: County
- Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1732

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: County
- Alternative B: County
- Alternative C: County
- Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1734

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA's Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: County
- Alternative B: County
- Alternative C: County
- Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1739

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1780

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1791

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1806

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1823

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1828

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1858

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1892

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1938

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1949

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1983

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1988

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1993

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2000

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2007

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2021

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2066

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2114

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2121

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2188

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 2191

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 2193

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2194

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2195

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2208

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 2210

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 2211

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2213

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2214

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2231

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2236

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2237

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2249

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2274

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 2277

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 2283

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2326

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 3188

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 939

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1144

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Public Comments On Route: 15

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-220

• Route 2663 leads to a stock pond, but then the bulk of it parallels 15 and should be closed. Given that not all stock ponds in the NCA have roads leading to them, is it really necessary to keep these other stock pond roads open? For example the pond at 12 S 712030 4295897 has no documented road leading to it. Is that stock pond no longer needed?

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-230

• Near the intersection of 1003 and 15 there is a very large pile ash and trash. Pallets must have been burned here as the ash is heavily laden with nails.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-88

• Page 111 Portable Toilets and Fire Pans I believe the text is missing the crucial word "solid" in front of "human waste" for Alternatives B E. I don't think it is reasonable to expect human urine to be hauled out. Also fire pans aren't usually set up for carrying the ash so the text should be adjusted to indicate that not only will fire pans be required but the ash must also be hauled out. The text also needs clarification that fire pans and ash removal should be used for campfires even when not part of an overnight camping experience (i.e. an early evening campfire where the recreationalists are not planning on spending the night). On a recent Gunnison River canoe trip with canoes rented from a commercial operator, we were advised "Urinate in the river (not in calm water nor on wet sand or soil nor on vegetation)." That should be listed here and posted at popular put-ins (Escalante and Bridgeport). Given the rule of the use of fire pans, there should be a management action that all rock fire rings within the listed areas should be removed and those campfire areas rehabilitated as part of other development work in those areas. I guess this applies equally to campfire areas that have no rings (such as the one near the intersection of routes 15 and 1003 where a thick pile from wood pallet fires exists.) With these changes I support Alternative E. I strongly support the text about fire pans and hauling ash away. It is unfortunate but campfire rings seem to be a magnet to all forms of trash. Also there is an unfortunate tendency of some to burn wooden pallets. People doing so might not even see the harm because they consider the pallets to be wood so ok to burn. They are not taking into consideration the nails and other hardware left behind.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species." o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Pondersa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Pondersa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Pondersa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-39

• Cactus Park 15 (access from Hwy 141): We recommend that the BLM and the county work together to improve the access from Hwy 141 so that passenger cars can get as far as the staging area. Most of this road is quite useable and it is only the first 250 feet that are problematic. Near the staging area is the Gunnison Gravel interpretive area. Accessing this interesting interpretive area should not be limited to those driving high-clearance vehicles. We also envision quiet trail users driving as far as the intersection with Route 26 and accessing the Ninemile Hill ERMA via Route 26

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-38

• The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail. Map 1 - Road Densities by watershed This map shows varying road densities with the DENCA. The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area. The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high route densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health. The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, closing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes. The water shed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbely Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained. Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation Areas This map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape.

List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011 Photo-point explanation. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list. 2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website). Route 8 is shown in purple and starts south of Cactus Park Road, #15. 3. Photos 82 - 95 were taken on Route 1235 branching east off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mt. Route 1235 is found on both the Cactus Park map and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park map on the DENCA website. 4. On the Farmers Canyon map, Route 1235 joins routes 1236, 1228 and 1409 until it connects with 1221. 5. The route numbers used here are from the web maps and may not correspond with the route numbers on Lee's paper maps. 6. Photo 0707 was taken along Route 26, near the northeast corner of the Gunnison Bluffs Citizen Proposed wilderness List of Photo-points drawn on the Cactus Park and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park maps (found on the DENCA website): 0660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 80661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol 0662 Braided tracks, cryptogamic soil disturbance, rough road 0665 One of few less jolting sections of road 0672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untrailed, nonmotorized primitive area. 0674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south 0675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 0677 Closer view from the south 0682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. 0684 Same 0689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untrailed, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area 0695 Same 0699 View of Route 8 0705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 80707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific issue or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potogrpghing & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As

the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and piñon beetle and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

- [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 150

### Segment: 2789

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 150

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1501

### Segment: 3240

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1278

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 7 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1501

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-64

• Page 99 Zone 1 in WildernessIn principle I support the position of limiting foot and horse travel to designated routes within Zone 1. However, I think some side trails need to be considered part of the designated route. - There are several cultural (some historic some prehistoric) that are worth getting a look that require a few steps away from the trail. For example the old coral and nearby structures are quite interesting and some of the rock art panels are on large boulders perpendicular to the trail. - The lower and upper waterfalls are nice places to sit and enjoy the sounds of the rushing water. Both spots are surrounded by exposed rock so make good sitting places. As part of a volunteer BLM work crew we cairmed specific trails to the upper waterfall, so BLM is well aware of that trail.- Trail 2610 should be kept open to horse and foot and not closed. It should be extended in the inventory as it exists on the ground as a trail leading into Dry Fork canyon (a side canyon off Big D). The advantage of keeping this trail open is that it pulls some people away from the more heavily used Big D Canyon trail and it allows people to continue to enjoy this nice side canyon which is part of Zone 2. By directing some people away from the rest of Big D it works to protect the some of the cultural resources of Zone 1. I see from map 3-13 that special species exist at the bottom of Dry Fork canyon. Zone 1 could be continued an appropriate distance up this trail to ensure people stay on a designated trail. - I'm not quite sure what the BLM's expectations are for people seeking quick relief behind a bush. Will that be considered staying on the designated trail?- Consider the amazing adventure had by this blogger within Zone 1. Shouldn't other people continue to get to at least some of those nice water views? I think they should. <http://blog.bigskyconvection.com/2011/08/2011-april-6th-big-dominguez-creek.html>For years now everyone (or most everyone) has stayed on the East Side of the Creek in Little Dominguez Canyon for the mile of property occupied by Mr. Rambo. Once this restriction is no longer in place, it appears to me that there may be some opportunities for the creation of new side trails from Little Dominguez main trail, up to the mesa top to perhaps join with route 1493. How can people like me explore the viability of such possible new official trails if travel is limited to just 1457, 1486 and 1501 in the first part of Little Dominguez Canyon? I don't want to approach the BLM to build a trail unless I've hiked the area to satisfy myself that the hike is doable. Zone 1 should either end at the boundary where the current sign reads "Private Property Next 1 Mile..." or text should be added to indicate that "BLM, working with volunteers or partners, will examine the possibility of establishing side trails leading from Little Dominguez to the mesa to the west of Little Dominguez when Mr Rambo is not long maintaining his property lease."

## Route: 1502

### Segment: 1254

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1502

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-219

- Route 2651 not only goes past the stock pond but it has a section that is parallel to 1502. This route should lead only to the stock pond and not past it and it should not have a section parallel to 1502. One or the other should be closed for that parallel portion.

## Route: 1503

### Segment: 1250

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1503

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1504

### Segment: 1268

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Segment: 1292

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Segment: 1325

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1504

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-41

• 1459 (off Divide Road, off 1504): Route is shown as being closed. Keep open until an alternate road to a better view point can be developed. 1509 leads to a somewhat better view point but as it hugs a private property line and is wide open to view from nearby property owner's homes, it is best closed

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1505

### Segment: 1285

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1505

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1507

### Segment: 1297

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1507

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 1508

### Segment: 1246

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1508

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## Route: 1509

### Segment: 1337

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

## Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1509

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-41

• 1459 (off Divide Road, off 1504): Route is shown as being closed. Keep open until an alternate road to a better view point can be developed. 1509 leads to a somewhat better view point but as it hugs a private property line and is wide open to view from nearby property owner's homes, it is best closed

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1510

### Segment: 1236

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1243

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1255

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1510

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1513

### Segment: 1231

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 1513

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-43

• Additionally, we offered the recommendation that in the future this mountain bike, horse, foot route be extended to connect in with one of the ATV trails located to the south, either 1513 or 1516 might be reachable

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609, 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456, 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

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## Route: 1514

### Segment: 1239

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1514

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1515

### Segment: 1226

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1515

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1516

### Segment: 1272

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 1222

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Public Comments On Route: 1516**

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-43

• Additionally, we offered the recommendation that in the future this mountain bike, horse, foot route be extended to connect in with one of the ATV trails located to the south, either 1513 or 1516 might be reachable

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

**Route: 1518****Segment: 1223****Designation****Current Designation**

Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

**Rationale****Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

**Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

**Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1518

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1519

### Segment: 1225

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1519

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 152

### Segment: 2770

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 152

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group [COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Mesa County, John Justman

Comment ID: 00000183-8

• Hunting Grounds Recreation Management Area Page 117: The preferred alternative identifies a "mixed-use connective trail between Whitewater and Delta." Mesa County is in the process of adopting the Grand Valley Trails Master Plan (GVTMP), which includes the Whitewater area. The draft GVTMP includes the following note: "Future trail connections to Delta County and the Dominguez-Escalante NCA are considered part of future trails expansion plans that are not reflected in the GVTMP maps. These trails would generally follow the Gunnison River." The note is intended to support the mixed-use connective trail identified in the RMP. The GVTMP also emphasizes partnerships for the creation of trails. Mesa County would like to work with the BLM to identify the route of the proposed multi-use connective trail. The Hunting Grounds area is widely used by local residents, especially in the winter when other areas are not open. It is important to maintain and improve public access to the Hunting Grounds. Access is proposed to be limited to Bean Ranch Road. Additionally, the Travel Management map shows several gaps between routes running along the east side of the Gunnison River. Mesa County would like to work with the BLM to identify possible access points, trail connections and trail heads that might be built, both inside and outside the NCA, which would provide public access from County roads to the Hunting Grounds as well as close gaps in the route system. Specific areas of interest are the Simioe Road area (Route 152) and around Bridgeport Road (Route 431)

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1520

### Segment: 1224

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Public Comments On Route: 1520

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1523

##### Segment: 1242

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1523

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1524

##### Segment: 1216

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1524

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1525

#### Segment: 1229

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1525

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1526

#### Segment: 1213

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1221

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1526

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609, 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456, 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1529

### Segment: 1211

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1529

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 153

### Segment: 2739

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 153

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

### Route: 1530

#### Segment: 1212

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1530

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1532

### Segment: 1205

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1532

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1533

### Segment: 1206

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1533

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1534

### Segment: 1218

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1534

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1536

### Segment: 1214

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1536

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-218

- Route 1536 stops well short of what appears to be the stock pond that is likely the purpose of the route.

## Route: 1538

### Segment: 1201

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1538

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1539

### Segment: 1217

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1539

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 154

### Segment: 2782

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 154

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1540

### Segment: 1219

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1540

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1541

### Segment: 1203

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1200

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1541

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1542

### Segment: 1197

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1542

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1543

### Segment: 1210

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1543

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1549

### Segment: 1204

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1549

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 155

### Segment: 2674

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 155

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1550

### Segment: 1238

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1550

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1551

### Segment: 1183

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 1551

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1554

### Segment: 1188

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1554

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1555

### Segment: 1180

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1555

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1556

### Segment: 1175

## Designation

## Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1556

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1557

### Segment: 1185

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1557

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1559

### Segment: 1167

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1559

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 156

### Segment: 2675

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 156

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-237

- Routes 156, 157, 158, 159 it appears that the BLM is selecting to keep open (as Admin) a narrow barely used route vs the wide more frequently used road. Was that really the intent?

## Route: 1560

### Segment: 1191

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1560

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1561

### Segment: 1168

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1561

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

### Route: 1562

#### Segment: 1166

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1562

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1564

#### Segment: 1163

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1564

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1565

### Segment: 1162

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
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- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1565

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1566

### Segment: 1165

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1566

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1567

### Segment: 1207

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1567

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 157

### Segment: 2672

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 157

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-237

- Routes 156, 157, 158, 159 it appears that the BLM is selecting to keep open (as Admin) a narrow barely used route vs the wide more frequently used road. Was that really the intent?

## Route: 1570

### Segment: 1178

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1570

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8.Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 1571

### Segment: 1220

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
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- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1571

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Bill Day

Comment ID: 000000087-21

• P 126-128 SRMA in Cactus Park. The 1st objective on p 126 puts all of Cactus Park into a SRMA with ATV riding as the main activity in alt E, despite having habitat for the soon to be listed Gunnison sage-grouse in this area. Alt C targets other uses, hiking horseback, back road touring. Either the GUSG habitat could be eliminated from the SRMA, or the ATV routes shown on the current travel map (1633,1605,1608,1571), changed to administrative

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 "and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 1573

### Segment: 1151

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1573

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1576

### Segment: 1181

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

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**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1576

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1577

### Segment: 1147

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

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**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1577

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1578

### Segment: 1146

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1578

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1579

### Segment: 1140

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1579

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 158

### Segment: 2673

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 158

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-237

- Routes 156, 157, 158, 159 it appears that the BLM is selecting to keep open (as Admin) a narrow barely used route vs the wide more frequently used road. Was that really the intent?

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345,

320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1583

### Segment: 1169

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1583

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1584

### Segment: 1135

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 1584

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1585

#### Segment: 1237

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Public Comments On Route: 1585

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-53

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2]Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would also suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, with a future possibility of connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. Route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-59

- Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (North) TMP-Level Comments:Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. This comment is predominantly related to Zone 2 of the Wilderness, however, as route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area we have also included this comment here

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

- we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-21

- Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas. Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727 down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

### Route: 1586

#### Segment: 1130

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1586

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1587

### Segment: 1302

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1587

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1588

## Segment: 1129

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1588

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1589

### Segment: 1141

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1589

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 159

### Segment: 2676

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Designation Following Mitigation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 159

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-237

- Routes 156, 157, 158, 159 it appears that the BLM is selecting to keep open (as Admin) a narrow barely used route vs the wide more frequently used road. Was that really the intent?

## Route: 1591

### Segment: 1273

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative B:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative C:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1591

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1593

### Segment: 1128

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 6 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1593

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-53

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2]Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would also suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, with a future possibility of connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. Route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-59

- Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (North) TMP-Level Comments:Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. This comment is predominantly related to Zone 2 of the Wilderness, however, as route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area we have also included this comment here

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

- we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular:
  - o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain.
  - o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed.
  - o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs.
  - o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zonos 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-21

- Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas.
  - Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727 down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

## Route: 1594

### Segment: 1120

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1594

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1596

### Segment: 1117

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1596

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1597

### Segment: 1137

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1597

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1599

### Segment: 1113

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Public Comments On Route: 1599

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 16

##### Segment: 2011

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 16

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 160

##### Segment: 2666

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 160

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 1601

### Segment: 1105

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1601

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1602

### Segment: 1100

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1602

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1603

### Segment: 1136

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1603

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1604

#### Segment: 1103

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1604

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1605

#### Segment: 1160

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1605

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Bill Day

Comment ID: 00000087-21

• P 126-128 SRMA in Cactus Park. The 1st objective on p 126 puts all of Cactus Park into a SRMA with ATV riding as the main activity in alt E, despite having habitat for the soon to be listed Gunnison sage-grouse in this area. Alt C targets other uses, hiking horseback, back road touring. Either the GUSG habitat could be eliminated from the SRMA, or the ATV routes shown on the current travel map (1633,1605,1608,1571), changed to administrative

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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Organization, commenter: None

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## Route: 1606

### Segment: 1108

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG – PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

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## Public Comments On Route: 1606

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## Route: 1607

### Segment: 1107

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

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## Public Comments On Route: 1607

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1608

### Segment: 1154

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
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## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

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Organization, commenter: Bill Day

Comment ID: 00000087-21

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## Route: 1609

### Segment: 1101

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

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## Route: 161

### Segment: 2734

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 161

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-1

• I've been involved in the "process" of this NCA since long before the D-E NCA designation. "The Hunting Grounds" area is very personal and dear to me, so I'd like to share a little of my background and how it ties into where we are today. I'd been coming to Grand Junction since 1992, to enjoy the BLM public land opportunities of OHV use, while living in the Denver area. Close to home, solitary, public land opportunities did not exist near Denver. After a couple visits per year to the valley throughout the 1990's, I thought Grand Junction would be a great place to live. I began looking for acreage in/around the valley. When the realtor showed me a 40 acre parcel for sale, accessed via Bean Ranch Road, I had already looked at several others, from Debeque to Glade Park. When I arrived at this said parcel for sale, I said "this is THE one!" In Feb. 2001, I purchased the 40 acre parcel of dry land, which was (and still is) bordered by BLM land on 3 sides. (Note, this mentioned BLM land is now within the D-E NCA Hunting Grounds area.) In Sept. 2002 I made the move to Grand Junction, and in March of 2003 my home was completed and I was able to move onto my 40 acres. The dream I'd so looked forward to achieving was made a reality, as my preferred outdoor recreation activity was (and still is) OHV use, although I enjoy many other types of outdoor recreation. I now had the ability to leave my driveway, on my OHV, and explore diverse trails and see beautiful scenery and wildlife. Let me also mention that being able to reside on this 40 acres wasn't an easy endeavor, however, it was a choice that meant financial and life altering sacrifices, to be able to enjoy the recreation opportunities this location had to offer. One major note supporting that is that there is no piped/city water beyond where you crest the top of the hill of Bean Ranch Rd. All the homes located on the back side of Bean Ranch Rd do not have piped/city drinking water, so those home owners have either drilled a well (minimal) or use cisterns and haul, or have delivered, potable water. Let me tell you, this takes planning & some conditional living. But those are things I was willing to deal with, to occupy a residence in this great area of BLM recreation opportunities that I so desired, and to achieve my personal dreams of living "out of the city" for mental well being. When I first discovered my passion for OHV use, I rode a dirt bike. After about 13 years of riding dirt bikes, I tried atv-ing and discovered I could pack my rack with supplies for a days' outing (or more), and be gone on the trail, enjoying what there was to be seen! Soon after moving to the valley, I joined the WSATVA and made several friends who were atv-ers, so that has been my main OHV method for the past 12 years. Although WSATVA did welcome me in the beginning, as a dirt biker! For years, I have been able to leave my Bean Ranch Rd property, on or in my OHV of choice, and explore the existing diverse roads and trails, within the area known as The Hunting Grounds. These roads & trails lead to spectacular viewing accesses of the Gunnison River, from the canyon edge. There are also railroad track & tunnel views, and the majestic sites of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness area and Cactus Park across the river. I have taken many friends and family to see these splendorous sites, when they have visited. I'd also like to include that any specific trail #'s that I do not mention, that are not currently listed as potential closures on Alternatives B or E, I want to remain open. I do not mention trails which I did not find threatened for closure. My desire is for The Hunting Grounds area for the existing roads and trails to remain open and to remain as multi-use. I will also acknowledge the need for protecting precious resources within this area. While attending many meetings leading up to the DRMP being executed, I found it somewhat frustrating, and perhaps aggravating, to learn how many people didn't even know of The Hunting Grounds existence until the D-E NCA designation came and the RMP process that has followed. And I'm just amazed at how now those folks who have newly experienced it, want use specific trails with government rules and regulations to be put into place regarding the do's and don'ts. Then, to hear those folks' comments to recommend adding staging areas, with information kiosks, bathrooms, and improved parking areas is just jaw dropping to me. Prior to the past 4-5 years, very few Mesa County residents and mostly local residents of Bean Ranch Road & Whitewater area had knowledge about The Hunting Grounds zone, and its spectacular BLM recreation opportunities, which currently include multi-use activities on roads and trails. I've come to learn that it was not ok, for the residents who live in that area, who sought land for their homes to be built on, to have driveway access to enjoy activities they love, and not ok to be privy to this area without the rest of Mesa County and beyond knowing also. I guess that goes with "if you build it, they will come" motto. I also find the requests for use specific trails, vs. multi-use, for reason of user conflicts and desire for quiet use trails unnecessary, as if anyone has spent any time in The Hunting Grounds area, you will find this is not a highly used public area, and if you even see other users, it is a minimal and infrequent experience. I do know that the residents who live in that area, want all existing trails to remain open and to multi-use. As we all know, "Alternative A", no change", really isn't a real alternative for this future planning, right? Alternative A would be my first choice for the future of this area. Leave it as it is, because it IS NOT BROKEN! In attempting to navigate the D-E NCA DRMP website, I thought in public meetings, Katie Stevens had said you could click on a trail slated for closure and it would give the reason. I was not successful in finding this resourceful tool, so without that information, my comments continue based on what I see for closure on the maps.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-234

• Route 161 comes to an end at an intersection with two roads that are to be closed. Unless the plan is to continue 161 in another direction, it seems to make more sense to end 161 back at the last view point at: 12 S 722414 4311947 Ending at a view point makes the outing feel worthwhile.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1610

### Segment: 1102

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1610

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1612

### Segment: 1122

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 3037

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1612

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 1613

### Segment: 1109

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1613

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1614

### Segment: 1094

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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## Route: 1615

### Segment: 1092

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## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1615

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1616

### Segment: 1086

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1616

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1618

### Segment: 1085

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1618

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1619

### Segment: 1084

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1619

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 162

### Segment: 2665

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 162

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## Route: 1620

### Segment: 1082

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1620

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1621

### Segment: 1081

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1621

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1622

### Segment: 1093

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1622

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1623

### Segment: 1076

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1080

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1623

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1624

### Segment: 1083

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1624

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1627

### Segment: 1073

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1627

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1628

### Segment: 1077

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1628

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 163

### Segment: 2658

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 163

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1630

### Segment: 1055

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1630

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1631

### Segment: 1066

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1631

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1779, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1632

### Segment: 1069

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1632

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1633

## Segment: 1133

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1633

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Bill Day

Comment ID: 00000087-21

• P 126-128 SRMA in Cactus Park. The 1st objective on p 126 puts all of Cactus Park into a SRMA with ATV riding as the main activity in alt E, despite having habitat for the soon to be listed Gunnison sage-grouse in this area. Alt C targets other uses, hiking horseback, back road touring. Either the GUSG habitat could be eliminated from the SRMA, or the ATV routes shown on the current travel map (1633,1605,1608,1571), changed to administrative

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-3

• Trail Name: Route 1633 Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Click here to enter text. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Click here to enter text. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): Click here to enter text. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): It makes no sense that this route is marked as closed until mitigated in Alternative D & E, but marked as Admin without any mitigation in Alt. C. If the route can be used as is for administrative uses, this indicates that motorized use can continue while mitigation is planned for. This route should be left open to full-size and all other motorized and non-motorized uses

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609, 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456, 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: None

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## Route: 1634

### Segment: 1054

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1634

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1636

### Segment: 1043

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1636

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1637

### Segment: 1039

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to edge of sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1637

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1638

### Segment: 1040

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1638

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1639

### Segment: 1060

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1639

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 164

### Segment: 2657

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 164

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1640

### Segment: 1033

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1640

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1641

### Segment: 1097

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to edge of sagebrush

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

**Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 3038

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to edge of sagebrush

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1641

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 1642

### Segment: 1038

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1642

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1645

### Segment: 1048

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1645

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1646

### Segment: 1027

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1646

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1647

### Segment: 1029

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1647

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 1648

### Segment: 1024

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1648

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 165

### Segment: 2655

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Drainage Crossing
- Reroute trail out of drainage.

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 165

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1650

### Segment: 1013

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1650

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1651

### Segment: 1014

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1651

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1652

### Segment: 1025

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1652

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1653

### Segment: 1019

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1653

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1654

### Segment: 1008

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1654

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1655

### Segment: 1007

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1655

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1656

### Segment: 1004

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1656

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1657

### Segment: 1001

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1657

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1658

### Segment: 1010

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1658

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1659

### Segment: 1002

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1659

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 166

### Segment: 2651

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Drainage Crossing
- Reroute trail out of drainage.

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 166

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1661

### Segment: 1006

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1661

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1662

##### Segment: 999

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1662

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1663

##### Segment: 1000

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1663

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1664

### Segment: 1015

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1664

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1665

### Segment: 995

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1665

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1667

#### Segment: 1049

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1667

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## Route: 1669

### Segment: 1032

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

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## Route: 167

### Segment: 2649

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 167

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1670

### Segment: 996

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1670

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1671

### Segment: 984

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1671

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1673

### Segment: 986

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1673

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1674

### Segment: 982

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1674

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1675

### Segment: 987

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
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- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1675

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1676

### Segment: 979

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
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- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1676

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1677

### Segment: 1011

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 991

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1677

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1678

### Segment: 1035

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to edge of sagebrush

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1678

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1679

### Segment: 1005

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1679

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 168

### Segment: 2679

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 168

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409,

1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-2

• Road 168: This road leads to a unique lookout with a beautiful view of Kannah Creek meeting the Gunnison. In the summer we travel this road by ATV, and in the winter's cold we travel this frozen road in a Jeep. We've been out to this point three times in the last 9 months always with friends or neighbors. It is a great destination in a Jeep for a sunny, winter afternoon wiener roast. Once again, with all the above as background, I recommend that road 168 remain open to Jeeps. Access to 168 is by roads 196 and a portion of 183. From the junction of 236 and 254 use 196. Connect to the northern portion of 183 which is between 196 and 168. I recommend that 196 and the northern portion of 183 remain open to Jeeps. I do support the ATV designation for 183 south of the 183/196 junction. I also support the ATV designation for 255 along the rim north of its junction with 254.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1680

### Segment: 1026

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 16 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1680

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1681

### Segment: 975

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Consider rerouting to edge of sagebrush

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 1681

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1682

#### Segment: 985

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1682

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1683

#### Segment: 974

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1683

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1684

### Segment: 1031

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 12 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 1684

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1685

### Segment: 969

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

RANGE Range access for general livestock management

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1685

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1686

### Segment: 993

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1686

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1594, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

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## Route: 1687

### Segment: 977

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1687

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1688

### Segment: 976

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Consider rerouting to edge of sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1688

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 1689

### Segment: 958

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1689

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 169

### Segment: 2989

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 169

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-94

• Pages 115-118 Hunting GroundAt a couple of the Advisory Council meetings the owner of the land that abuts 178 and 169 said that they welcomed people crossing their property to get on the NCA. The BLM should work with the property owner to establish a long-term agreement that gives public access along this route. If the owner is not willing to give permanent easement then perhaps they would consider a 20 year optionally renewable easement that would last the life of the RMP.

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## Route: 1690

### Segment: 961

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1690

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1691

### Segment: 960

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1691

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1692

### Segment: 978

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1692

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## Route: 1693

### Segment: 965

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 1693

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1694

#### Segment: 966

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1694

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1696

#### Segment: 971

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1696

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1697

### Segment: 953

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1697

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1698

### Segment: 967

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1698

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1699

### Segment: 947

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 951

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management

- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 728

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 739

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 770

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 885

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 861

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 757

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 768

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 3237

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1699

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-33

• [Wagon Park] The user-created connector that links 1783 and 1792 should be closed to keep traffic on main roads, reduce wildlife impacts and create habitat security, and limit the spread of hard-to-enforce motorized and mountain bike use

## Route: 17

### Segment: 2008

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 17

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (*Astragalus linifolius*), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 170

### Segment: 2644

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 170

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1700

### Segment: 952

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1700

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1703

### Segment: 950

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1703

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1704

### Segment: 968

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 13 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1704

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1706

##### Segment: 955

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

#### Public Comments On Route: 1706

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 1709

##### Segment: 1114

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Public Comments On Route: 1709

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 171

#### Segment: 2639

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 171

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1710

#### Segment: 959

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Consider rerouting to edge of sagebrush

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 963

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Consider rerouting to edge of sagebrush

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 970

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Consider rerouting to edge of sagebrush

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 1710

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1713

### Segment: 931

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1713

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1715

### Segment: 944

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1715

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1716

### Segment: 932

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1716

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1718

### Segment: 926

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1718

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1719

### Segment: 927

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1719

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 172

### Segment: 2637

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 172

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1720

### Segment: 988

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1720

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1721

### Segment: 973

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1721

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1722

### Segment: 972

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1722

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2040, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1723

### Segment: 929

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1723

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1725

### Segment: 913

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high

- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1725

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-4

- Cactus ParkNew trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions.We [COPMOBA]agree with 1728 and 1725 as accessible for mountain bike due to the trail being managed as such after crossing National Forest land boundary

## Route: 1726

### Segment: 924

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1726

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173.The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164,

2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1727

### Segment: 918

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1727

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zonos 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-21

• Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas. Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727 down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1728

### Segment: 907

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1728

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-4

- Cactus ParkNew trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions.We [COPMOBA]agree with 1728 and 1725 as accessible for mountain bike due to the trail being managed as such after crossing National Forest land boundary

## Route: 173

### Segment: 2647

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 173

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1730

### Segment: 888

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 3238

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1730

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1732

### Segment: 886

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1732

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1733

### Segment: 891

### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1733

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1734

### Segment: 893

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1734

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-4

- Route Density Reductions: Maintaining a rural, western setting is critical to all recreational experiences within the NCA and to the legacy of this landscape. As such, we strongly support the elimination of redundant routes proposed in the preferred alternative.d. Non-Motorized Trail Network: We would like to see a network of non-motorized trails located throughout the NCA and are pleased that for the most part this desire is accommodated in BLM's preferred alternative whether it is through language indicating the future development of non-motorized routes or the designation of some existing routes as non-motorized in the draft Travel Plan. We fully recognize that this NCA is multiple-use in nature and so acknowledge that in many instances recreationists will need to collectively share routes, however the quality of our experience is greatly enhanced by having some routes located in quiet-settings. oTo elaborate, we envision that this system will include some routes which are shared with motorized users and which provide connectivity to segments located within entirely quiet settings or to segments in semi-quiet areas in which motorized routes may run in parallel. Further, we envision that this network will provide opportunities for non-motorized single-day excursions in addition to non-motorized multi-day excursions!o As a quick example, we are very pleased with the Ninemile Hill ERMA which is included in the preferred alternative. Targeted activities include horseback riding, hiking and dispersed camping. Future trail development will be non-motorized and we are very excited about the quiet, day-use opportunities to be found here (not to mention theintro-to backpacking/horsepacking' which the ERMA can provide, assuming of course that some of the designated campsites are only accessible from non-motorized routes!). However we also recognize and respect the need for, and management of, some continued motorized access in this region and we are happy to accommodate motorized use on those routes suggested in the preferred alternative.o On the other hand, we are

concerned about the lack of designated and future non-motorized routes within the Cactus Park SRMA as it represents about 13% of the NCA and only includes two short non-motorized routes in Alternative E. (Route 786 near Gunnison Gravels - is about .15 miles long and Route 1734 (near High Park) is about .21 miles long - for a total of about 1/3 of a mile of non-motorized routes.) See pages 9 and 10 for some proposals to address this deficiency.

## Route: 1735

### Segment: 917

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1735

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1736

### Segment: 883

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1736

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1737

### Segment: 882

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1737

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1738

### Segment: 879

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1738

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 174

### Segment: 2642

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 174

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1740

### Segment: 880

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1740

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409,

1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1741

### Segment: 938

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1741

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1744

### Segment: 867

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1744

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1746

#### Segment: 865

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1746

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1747

#### Segment: 862

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1747

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1748

### Segment: 864

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1748

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1749

### Segment: 919

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 5 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1749

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 175

### Segment: 2652

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 175

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1750

### Segment: 957

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1750

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 1751

### Segment: 869

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1751

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-6

• Wagon Park area: Trail #1778 is currently an open multi-use route and I'd like to see it remain as such. #1756 is currently open for atv use, until it approaches the wilderness boundary, then changes to foot & horse use only. I want this trail to remain as it is today. #1751 accesses overlooks at the wilderness boundary, but is shown in Alt E for admin use, and closed in Alt B. I would like it to remain open, for the public to enjoy those overlook viewing sites. #1759, #1792 & #1751 are shown to be closed or administrative use and I perceive this as a wilderness buffer zone, as they are trails currently open at the edge of wilderness boundary. Buffer zones are not a valid reason for trail closure, and are an illegal practice according to the process guidelines. I also do not support proposed seasonal closures for this area.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1753

### Segment: 853

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1753

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1754

### Segment: 857

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1754

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1755

### Segment: 858

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1755

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1756

### Segment: 1078

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 34 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3173

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 13 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1756

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-10

- Routes such as the Gibley Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-6

- Wagon Park area: Trail #1778 is currently an open multi-use route and I'd like to see it remain as such. #1756 is currently open for atv use, until it approaches the wilderness boundary, then changes to foot & horse use only. I want this trail to remain as it is today. #1751 accesses overlooks at the wilderness boundary, but is shown in Alt E for admin use, and closed in Alt B. I would like it to remain open, for the public to enjoy those overlook viewing sites. #1759, #1792 & #1751 are shown to be closed or administrative use and I perceive this as a wilderness buffer zone, as they are trails currently open at the edge of wilderness boundary. Buffer zones are not a valid reason for trail closure, and are an illegal practice according to the process guidelines. I also do not support proposed seasonal closures for this area.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-24

- I support the reduction of route density for purposes of reducing habitat fragmentation. Not only is this better for the vegetation and wildlife, but it is more visually appealing to visitors. Density of routes also impacts noise level in the NCA. One area I am concerned about is Wagon Park. There are 5 parallel routes into the area within a distance of little over 2 miles. A mammal running from the sounds of approaching vehicles on one road may well soon confront another road with more vehicles. At least some of those routes should be closed to meet this objective.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-53

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2]Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would also suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, with a future possibility of connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. Route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-59

- Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (North) TMP-Level Comments:Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. This comment is predominantly related to Zone 2 of the Wilderness, however, as route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area we have also included this comment here

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-32

- [Wagon Park] The entirety of 1756, located in the Dry Creek drainage, should be closed to all trail use and obliterated to protect canyon vegetation, wildlife security and wet areas

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

- we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zonos o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-21

- Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas. Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727 down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-5

**/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)**

- Wagon ParkIn Wagon Park we [COPMOBA]recommend leaving 1759 open to mountai n bike access instead of being an administrative road. Resource damage to an existing administrative road seems minimal and would provide a rare mechanized opportunity in that area. A new connection to 1756 outside of wilderness boundary would provide a nice loop with canyon and ridge experiences

## Route: 1757

### Segment: 845

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1757

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1758

### Segment: 734

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 763

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1132

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 779

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 780

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 806

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 846

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1758

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-10

• Routes such as the Gibley Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-21

• Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas. Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727

down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1759

### Segment: 1134

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Close before edge of last sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1759

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-5

• Wagon Park: This is an area that is wonderful for ATV riding as well as a good hunting area. I would ask that all the roads in that area remain open. After all, it is bordered on three sides by Wilderness, so those who wish to get away from ATVs or noise of any kind still have an enormous area to hike and mountain bike. Road numbers 1764 and 1759 are slated for Administrative Use which means no public use. I request those roads remain open to the general public for game retrieval and riding

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-6

• Wagon Park area: Trail #1778 is currently an open multi-use route and I'd like to see it remain as such. #1756 is currently open for atv use, until it approaches the wilderness boundary, then changes to foot & horse use only. I want this trail to remain as it is today. #1751 accesses overlooks at the wilderness boundary, but is shown in Alt E for admin use, and closed in Alt B. I would like it to remain open, for the public to enjoy those overlook viewing sites. #1759, #1792 & #1751 are shown to be closed or administrative use and I perceive this as a wilderness buffer zone, as they are trails currently open at the edge of wilderness boundary. Buffer zones are not a valid reason for trail closure, and are an illegal practice according to the process guidelines. I also do not support proposed seasonal closures for this area.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-24

• I support the reduction of route density for purposes of reducing habitat fragmentation. Not only is this better for the vegetation and wildlife, but it is more visually appealing to visitors. Density of routes also impacts noise level in the NCA. One area I am concerned about is Wagon Park. There are 5 parallel routes into the area within a distance of little over 2 miles. A mammal running from the sounds of approaching vehicles on one road may well soon confront another road with more vehicles. At least some of those routes

should be closed to meet this objective.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-5

- Wagon ParkIn Wagon Park we [COPMOBA]recommend leaving 1759 open to mountai n bike access instead of being an administrative road. Resource damage to an existing administrative road seems minimal and would provide a rare mechanized opportunity in that area. A new connection to 1756 outside of wilderness boundary would provide a nice loop with canyon and ridge experiences

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Jeff Bates

Comment ID: 000000197-3

- Some of the reasons given by the BLM for closures included, "administrative routes". However, route 1759 marked "administrative", in preferred alternative E, is marked closed in C. If this route is needed as an administrative route, how could it be closed in any alternative? This leads us to believe that routes were marked closed without much thought, and if it is closed to the public as administrative, or just closed makes little difference to the BLM, as long as it is closed. It just changes the amount of red lines on the map, and makes a few less on the E alternative. Fewer red lines give the needed range of alternatives required, but the fact is, theDragon route is closed either way. "Administrative", or closed to the public is, is a misleading way to close a route. In some cases giving private land owners exclusive access to many more acres of public land than the general public has. Placing the gates to private land many miles from the private land, and locating them on public land is theft of the access to the public land, while gifting it to the private land owners. Very poor management techniques, pitting private land owners against the public land users, and creating user conflicts. The administrative routes will remain open and maintained for use, but not by the public. Our tax dollars at work for the gain of the private land owners.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 176

### Segment: 2629

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 176

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 1760

### Segment: 823

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1760

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1762

### Segment: 824

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1762

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1763

### Segment: 850

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1763

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1764

### Segment: 822

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Close before edge of last sagebrush park

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1764

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-5

• Wagon Park: This is an area that is wonderful for ATV riding as well as a good hunting area. I would ask that all the roads in that area remain open. After all, it is bordered on three sides by Wilderness, so those who wish to get away from ATVs or noise of any kind still have an enormous area to hike and mountain bike. Road numbers 1764 and 1759 are slated for Administrative Use which means no public use. I request those roads remain open to the general public for game retrieval and riding

Organization, commenter: Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000128-4

• The different alternatives in the draft RMP arbitrarily pick one user group to cater to without respect to the terrain and user needs. This is especially evident in the 9-Mile Hill area. The plan appears to pick a user group out of the hat for each alternative and decides to make the trails open to that user group without analysis of what kind of users are currently using these trails. The BLM gives the impression that it aims to maximize user conflict by identifying areas currently open to multi-use and denying access to all but the favored group of the moment. The plan ignores the existence of ample opportunities for quiet use in the wilderness area when it allocates additional quiet use areas within the planning area without analysis showing these are needed. The BLM fails to present data that supports a need to make the majority of the total area quiet use. The plan inappropriately seeks to create additional buffer zones of quiet use adjacent to the wilderness. This is evident in the alternatives for Route 1764 in Wagon Park. This route should be kept open. The 9-Mile Hill area and Cactus Park area have traditionally been multiple (motorized) use and should continue to be managed for multiple motorized use. The proposed winter closures are not warranted.

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-4

• Trail Number(s): 1764 Trail Name: Wagon Park area Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploration by vehicle, multi-use recreation Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Click here to enter text. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This route allows me to enjoy a feeling of remoteness from my fullsize 4WD. It allows me to get close to the wilderness boundary and enjoy the views. It provides the opportunity to park my vehicle near the boundary and then explore the wilderness on foot from an uncrowded entry point. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD and all other motorized & non-motorized users

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1765

### Segment: 805

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1765

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1767

### Segment: 804

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1767

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1768

### Segment: 866

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1768

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-21

• Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas. Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727 down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

## Route: 1769

### Segment: 860

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1769

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 177

### Segment: 2636

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 177

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1770

### Segment: 801

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1770

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1771

### Segment: 797

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1771

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1772

### Segment: 810

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1772

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1773

### Segment: 851

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1773

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-10

• Routes such as the Gibler Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-24

• I support the reduction of route density for purposes of reducing habitat fragmentation. Not only is this better for the vegetation and wildlife, but it is more visually appealing to visitors. Density of routes also impacts noise level in the NCA. One area I am concerned about is Wagon Park. There are 5 parallel routes into the area within a distance of little over 2 miles. A mammal running from the sounds of approaching vehicles on one road may well soon confront another road with more vehicles. At least some of those routes should be closed to meet this objective.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 1774

### Segment: 844

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1774

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1775

### Segment: 781

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1775

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1777

### Segment: 782

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1777

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1778

### Segment: 904

## Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

## Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1778

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-6

• Wagon Park area: Trail #1778 is currently an open multi-use route and I'd like to see it remain as such. #1756 is currently open for atv use, until it approaches the wilderness boundary, then changes to foot & horse use only. I want this trail to remain as it is today. #1751 accesses overlooks at the wilderness boundary, but is shown in Alt E for admin use, and closed in Alt B. I would like it to remain open, for the public to enjoy those overlook viewing sites. #1759, #1792 & #1751 are shown to be closed or administrative use and I perceive this as a wilderness buffer zone, as they are trails currently open at the edge of wilderness boundary. Buffer zones are not a valid reason for trail closure, and are an illegal practice according to the process guidelines. I also do not support proposed seasonal closures for this area.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-24

• I support the reduction of route density for purposes of reducing habitat fragmentation. Not only is this better for the vegetation and wildlife, but it is more visually appealing to visitors. Density of routes also impacts noise level in the NCA. One area I am concerned about is Wagon Park. There are 5 parallel routes into the area within a distance of little over 2 miles. A mammal running from the sounds of approaching vehicles on one road may well soon confront another road with more vehicles. At least some of those routes should be closed to meet this objective.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-21

• Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas. Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727 down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

## Route: 1779

### Segment: 842

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1779

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 178

### Segment: 2640

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 178

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-94

- Pages 115-118 Hunting GroundAt a couple of the Advisory Council meetings the owner of the land that abuts 178 and 169 said that they welcomed people crossing their property to get on the NCA. The BLM should work with the property owner to establish a long-term agreement that gives public access along this route. If the owner is not willing to give permanent easement then perhaps they would consider a 20 year optionally renewable easement that would last the life of the RMP.

## Route: 1781

### Segment: 787

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1781

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1782

### Segment: 3239

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 821

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1782

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

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Comment ID: 000000156-21

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## Route: 1783

### Segment: 771

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 1783

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-33

- [Wagon Park] The user-created connector that links 1783 and 1792 should be closed to keep traffic on main roads, reduce wildlife impacts and create habitat security, and limit the spread of hard-to-enforce motorized and mountain bike use

## Route: 1785

### Segment: 767

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1785

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1787

### Segment: 765

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1787

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1788

### Segment: 762

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1788

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 179

### Segment: 2627

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 179

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd  
/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Comment ID: 000000106-211

Alt E should not have 179, 186, 195 and 208 designated as ATV as they were inventoried as single track. See "Photo Comparison" at bottom of comment. Unfortunately as can be seen in the photos, some users have taken it upon themselves to widen some of these from single tracks to 2-tracks. These need to be rehabbed back to being single tracks.

## Route: 1790

### Segment: 776

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1790

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1792

### Segment: 764

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1792

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-6

Wagon Park area: Trail #1778 is currently an open multi-use route and I'd like to see it remain as such. #1756 is currently open for atv use, until it approaches the wilderness boundary, then changes to foot & horse use only. I want this trail to remain as it is today. #1751 accesses overlooks at the wilderness boundary, but is shown in Alt E for admin use, and closed in Alt B. I would like it to remain open, for the public to enjoy those overlook viewing sites. #1759, #1792 & #1751 are shown to be closed or administrative use and I perceive this as a wilderness buffer zone, as they are trails currently open at the edge of wilderness boundary. Buffer zones are not a valid reason for trail closure, and are an illegal practice according to the process guidelines. I also do not support proposed seasonal closures for this area.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-33

[Wagon Park] The user-created connector that links 1783 and 1792 should be closed to keep traffic on main roads, reduce wildlife impacts and create habitat security, and limit the spread of hard-to-enforce motorized and mountain bike use

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 1793

### Segment: 749

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1793

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1794

### Segment: 740

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D: Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1794

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1795

### Segment: 785

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Foot/Horse

Alternative B: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative C: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative D: Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 1795

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1796

### Segment: 742

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1796

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1798

#### Segment: 735

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1798

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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### Route: 18

#### Segment: 2060

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 18

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

- o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

- Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

- 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific is sure or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potogrpghing & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

## Route: 180

### Segment: 2621

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 180

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1803

#### Segment: 741

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1803

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 1804

### Segment: 731

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1804

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1805

### Segment: 729

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 1805

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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### Route: 1806

#### Segment: 727

##### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1806

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 1807

#### Segment: 724

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1807

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1809

### Segment: 714

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 1809

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 181

### Segment: 2619

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 181

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1810

### Segment: 738

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 715

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 1810

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 1811

### Segment: 1098

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 1811

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 182

#### Segment: 2628

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Public Comments On Route: 182

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

### Route: 183

#### Segment: 2631

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 183

Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-2

- Road 168: This road leads to a unique lookout with a beautiful view of Kannah Creek meeting the Gunnison. In the summer we travel this road by ATV, and in the winter's cold we travel this frozen road in a Jeep. We've been out to this point three times in the last 9 months always with friends or neighbors. It is a great destination in a Jeep for a sunny, winter afternoon wiener roast. Once again, with all the above as background, I recommend that road 168 remain open to Jeeps. Access to 168 is by roads 196 and a portion of 183. From the junction of 236 and 254 use 196. Connect to the northern portion of 183 which is between 196 and 168. I recommend that 196 and the northern portion of 183 remain open to Jeeps. I do support the ATV designation for 183 south of the 183/196 junction. I also support the ATV designation for 255 along the rim north of its junction with 254.

## Route: 184

### Segment: 2604

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 184

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 185

### Segment: 2607

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 185

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 186

### Segment: 2630

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 186

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd  
/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Comment ID: 000000106-211

• Alt E should not have 179, 186, 195 and 208 designated as ATV as they were inventoried as single track. See "Photo Comparison" at bottom of comment. Unfortunately as can be seen in the photos, some users have taken it upon themselves to widen some of these from single tracks to 2-tracks. These need to be rehabbed back to being single tracks.

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Comment ID: 000000106-212

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## Route: 187

### Segment: 2600

## Designation ?

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 187

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 188

### Segment: 2650

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Drainage Crossing
- Reroute trail out of drainage.

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 188

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669,

1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 189

### Segment: 2605

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 189

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 190

### Segment: 2603

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 190

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 191

#### Segment: 2606

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 191

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 192

#### Segment: 2638

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, SS Plants-SSR within 100m, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m

**Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 192

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 193

#### Segment: 2595

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 193

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 194

#### Segment: 2598

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 194

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 195

#### Segment: 2601

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 195

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd  
**/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

Comment ID: 000000106-211

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### Route: 196

#### Segment: 2584

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 196

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-2

• Road 168: This road leads to a unique lookout with a beautiful view of Kannah Creek meeting the Gunnison. In the summer we travel this road by ATV, and in the winter's cold we travel this frozen road in a Jeep. We've been out to this point three times in the last 9 months always with friends or neighbors. It is a great destination in a Jeep for a sunny, winter afternoon wiener roast. Once again, with all the above as background, I recommend that road 168 remain open to Jeeps. Access to 168 is by roads 196 and a portion of 183. From the junction of 236 and 254 use 196. Connect to the northern portion of 183 which is between 196 and 168. I recommend that 196 and the northern portion of 183 remain open to Jeeps. I do support the ATV designation for 183 south of the 183/196 junction. I also support the ATV designation for 255 along the rim north of its junction with 254.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 197

### Segment: 2597

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 197

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 198

#### Segment: 2580

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 198

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-212

• 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

### Route: 199

#### Segment: 2590

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing

- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 199

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2

### Segment: 1489

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 200

### Segment: 2573

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 200

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2001

### Segment: 790

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2001

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2003

### Segment: 419

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2003

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

• Sowlbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-13

• Route 2169 along Palmer Gulch, west of Camp Ridge, duplicates 2596, 2171, 2003, and 2177 on Camp Ridge and should be closed especially since it is in a canyon drainage with good habitat value

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zonos 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of

roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-5

• Manage Gunnison Slopes Unit and Dominguez Addition Unit as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics ERMA status for Gunnison Slopes is a good start, but it needs the additional protection as a LWC as well. Dominguez Addition also needs to be included as a LWC, and the two ATV routes currently open in the preferred Alternative (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) definitively closed to maintain this area's wild character

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-18

• Comments on Travel Management Plan The following comments are based upon my review of the Map of Route by Route Designations for Alternative E (Map N-1E) in relationship to the resource management goals and objectives of the NCA. As previously stated, we are concerned that wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-4

• Two other units with wilderness characteristics occur within the D-E NCA that are not included within the preferred alternative. Wilderness characteristics within the Gunnison Slopes Unit appear to have been largely protected through management of this area as an ERMA that would emphasize equestrian and hiking trail activities and dispersed camping. This management strategy seems reasonable to provide camping opportunities along the Gunnison River to accommodate boating use on the river while maintaining an overall primitive setting. However, wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has misclassified many routes. See EIS Map N-1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171, 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-47

• Route number 2003. This leads to a pond and should be administrative if not left open.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2004

### Segment: 156

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to the edge of the Sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2004

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-225

- 2004 and 3086 in the KML version don't connect with the county road at their intersection, guessing they do in reality.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-23

- Dry Mesa Road Dry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas. Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2005

### Segment: 608

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Bighorn Sheep

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2005

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2006

### Segment: 605

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2006

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-10

• Dry Mesa Rd. and Sawmill Mesa Rd.: Roads 2243, 2248, 2249 and 2136 are currently open for ATV use and I would like to see them remain so. It would make sense to also leave 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 left open to horse/foot traffic, thereby providing multi-use with little user conflict

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-5

• 5. Route # 2006, 2008, 2299, 2298, 2007, and 2297 are designated as "closed" because they don't connect into any other trails. I disagree with your assessment that this trail lacks an identified use. This trail provides all recreationalists a way to access the gullies and other topographic features of the immediate area for hiking, exploring, sightseeing, picnicking, solitude etc... This trail should remain open.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2007

### Segment: 700

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2007

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-5

• 5. Route # 2006, 2008, 2299, 2298, 2007, and 2297 are designated as "closed" because they don't connect into any other trails. I disagree with your assessment that this trail lacks an identified use. This trail provides all recreationalists a way to access the gullies and other topographic features of the immediate area for hiking, exploring, sightseeing, picnicking, solitude etc... This trail should remain open.

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## Route: 2008

### Segment: 607

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2008

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-5

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2009

### Segment: 590

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2009

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 201

### Segment: 2620

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 201

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2010

### Segment: 686

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2010

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2013

### Segment: 314

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – Close and rehab --wincon

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2013

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2014

### Segment: 370

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3046

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

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## Public Comments On Route: 2014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2015

### Segment: 413

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2015

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2017

### Segment: 287

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2017

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2018

### Segment: 297

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2018

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 202

### Segment: 2572

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 202

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2021

### Segment: 562

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2021

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2022

### Segment: 200

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2022

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2023

### Segment: 179

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2023

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

- Dry Mesa Road/Dry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas. Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can

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## Route: 2024

### Segment: 140

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2024

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-67

[Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments: Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Route 2024: We support closing 2024 as it appears to be a duplicative route. The surrounding routes 2578-3006-2232-2231 and 2579-3108-2210-2344 connect to Forest Service trails. If there are cattle or other uses for this road not shown on the map, we would support an administrative designation. Otherwise we would like to see 2024 closed to reduce route density in the area because of the presence of big game. We also see that these routes stop at the Dry Fork LWC unit; we would urge the BLM to make sure there is a topographical or physical barrier to stop motorized access into the LWC. Please put signage back at the Forest Boundary that the routes dead-end ahead.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-24

Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136,

2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.  
Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2025

### Segment: 183

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Verify if reroute is needed or a connection

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2025

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-22

• Little Mesa spurs Numerous damaging and randomly created spurs and loops branch off from Little Mesa Road, 2026-2025-2187 and should be closed. These include 2059, 2188, 2190, 3100, 2191, 2192, 2197, 2198, 3104, 3099, 3104. If some of these would make a link between Little Mesa and Dry Mesa, there should be one route only and it should be a full size vehicle 4WD route rather than an ATV route. Full-size vehicles are the traditional use of this county, whereas ATVs introduce a new, noisy, "go-anywhere," unenforceable use that is incompatible with the traditional rugged, remote and solitary setting of this area

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2026

### Segment: 152

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2026

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-22

• Little Mesa spurs Numerous damaging and randomly created spurs and loops branch off from Little Mesa Road, 2026-2025-2187 and should be closed. These include 2059, 2188, 2190, 3100, 2191, 2192, 2197, 2198, 3104, 3099, 3104. If some of these would make a link between Little Mesa and Dry Mesa, there should be one route only and it should be a full size vehicle 4WD route rather than an ATV route. Full-size vehicles are the traditional use of this county, whereas ATVs introduce a new, noisy, "go-anywhere," unenforceable use that is incompatible with the traditional rugged, remote and solitary setting of this area

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2027

### Segment: 326

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Public Comments On Route: 2027

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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#### Route: 2028

##### Segment: 559

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 2028

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## Route: 2029

### Segment: 488

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2029

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-68

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments: Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 00000245-1

• Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140. Title of Comment (area or trail name): Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380 Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction CO Email: Phone: I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

## Route: 203

### Segment: 2625

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2626

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 203

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2030

### Segment: 424

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2030

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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## Route: 2031

### Segment: 552

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2031

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 1448, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2033

### Segment: 796

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2033

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2034

### Segment: 800

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2034

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2035

### Segment: 803

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2035

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669,

1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) .... 5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-2

• Route Specific Comments 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impact to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administration Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 2036

### Segment: 3272

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Segment: 859

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2036

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2037

### Segment: 912

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2037

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2038

### Segment: 906

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2038

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2039

### Segment: 905

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2039

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 204

### Segment: 2582

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 204

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2040

### Segment: 848

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2040

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2041

### Segment: 849

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2041

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2042

### Segment: 855

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2042

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2043

### Segment: 843

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2043

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2044

### Segment: 872

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2044

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2045

### Segment: 293

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2045

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2046

### Segment: 263

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2046

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2047

### Segment: 242

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2047

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2048

### Segment: 180

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2048

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2049

### Segment: 229

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2049

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 205

### Segment: 2624

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 205

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-1

• I've been involved in the "process" of this NCA since long before the D-E NCA designation. "The Hunting Grounds" area is very personal and dear to me, so I'd like to share a little of my background and how it ties into where we are today. I'd been coming to Grand Junction since 1992, to enjoy the BLM public land opportunities of OHV use, while living in the Denver area. Close to home, solitary, public land opportunities did not exist near Denver. After a couple visits per year to the valley throughout the 1990's, I thought Grand Junction would be a great place to live. I began looking for acreage in/around the valley. When the realtor showed me a 40 acre parcel for sale, accessed via Bean Ranch Road, I had already looked at several others, from Debeque to Glade Park. When I arrived at this said parcel for sale, I said "this is THE one!" In Feb. 2001, I purchased the 40 acre parcel of dry land, which was (and still is) bordered by BLM land on 3 sides. (Note, this mentioned BLM land is now within the D-E NCA Hunting Grounds area.) In Sept. 2002 I made the move to Grand Junction, and in March of 2003 my home was completed and I was able to move onto my 40 acres. The dream I'd so looked forward to achieving was made a reality, as my preferred outdoor recreation activity was (and still is) OHV use, although I enjoy many other types of outdoor recreation. I now had the ability to leave my driveway, on my OHV, and explore diverse trails and see beautiful scenery and wildlife. Let me also mention that being able to reside on this 40 acres wasn't an easy endeavor, however, it was a choice that meant financial and life altering sacrifices, to be able to enjoy the recreation opportunities this location had to offer. One major note supporting that is that there is no piped/city water beyond where you crest the top of the hill of Bean Ranch Rd. All the homes located on the back side of Bean Ranch Rd do not have piped/city drinking water, so those home owners have either drilled a well (minimal) or use cisterns and haul, or have delivered, potable water. Let me tell you, this takes planning & some conditional living. But those are things I was willing to deal with, to occupy a residence in this great area of BLM recreation opportunities that I so desired, and to achieve my personal dreams of living "out of the city" for mental well being. When I first discovered my passion for OHV use, I rode a dirt bike. After about 13 years of riding dirt bikes, I tried atv-ing and discovered I could pack my rack with supplies for a days' outing (or more), and be gone on the trail, enjoying what there was to be seen! Soon after moving to the valley, I joined the WSATVA and made several friends who were atv-ers, so that has been my main OHV method for the past 12 years. Although WSATVA did welcome me in the beginning, as a dirt biker! For years, I have been able to leave my Bean Ranch Rd property, on or in my OHV of choice, and explore the existing diverse roads and trails, within the area known as The Hunting Grounds. These roads & trails lead to spectacular viewing accesses of the Gunnison River, from the canyon edge. There are also railroad track & tunnel views, and the majestic sites of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness area and Cactus Park across the river. I have taken many friends and family to see these splendorous sites, when they have visited. I'd also like to include that any specific trail #'s that I do not mention, that are not currently listed as potential closures on Alternatives B or E, I want to remain open. I do not mention trails which I did not find threatened for closure. My desire is for The Hunting Grounds area for the existing roads and trails to remain open and to remain as multi-use. I will also acknowledge the need for protecting precious resources within this area. While attending many meetings leading up to the DRMP being executed, I found it somewhat frustrating, and perhaps aggravating, to learn how many people didn't even know of The Hunting Grounds existence until the D-E NCA designation came and the RMP process that has followed. And I'm just amazed at how now those folks who have newly experienced it, want use specific trails with government rules and regulations to be put into place regarding the do's and don'ts. Then, to hear those folks' comments to recommend adding staging areas, with information kiosks, bathrooms, and improved parking areas is just jaw dropping to me. Prior to the past 4-5 years, very few Mesa County residents and mostly local residents of Bean Ranch Road & Whitewater area had knowledge about The Hunting Grounds zone, and its spectacular BLM recreation opportunities, which currently include multi-use activities on roads and trails. I've come to learn that it was not ok, for the residents who live in that area, who sought land for their homes to be built on, to have driveway access to enjoy activities they love, and not ok to be privy to this area without the rest of Mesa County and beyond knowing also. I guess that goes with "if you build it, they will come" motto. I also find the requests for use specific trails, vs. multi-use, for reason of user conflicts and desire for quiet use trails un-necessary, as if anyone has spent any time in The Hunting Grounds area, you will find this is not a highly used public area, and if you even see other users, it is a minimal and infrequent experience. I do know that the residents who live in that area, want all existing trails to remain open and to multi-use. As we all know, "Alternative A", no change", really isn't a real alternative for this future planning, right? Alternative A would be my first choice for the future of this area. Leave it as it is, because it IS NOT BROKEN! In attempting to navigate the D-E NCA DRMP website, I thought in public meetings, Katie Stevens had said you could click on a trail slated for closure and it would give the reason. I was not successful in finding this resourceful tool, so without that information, my comments continue based on what I see for closure on the maps.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2050

### Segment: 195

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile

- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2050

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2051

### Segment: 92

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2051

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

- Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090,

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## Route: 2052

### Segment: 694

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2052

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2053

### Segment: 937

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2053

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group [COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Finally, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." Id. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-36

- Route number 2053. This route needs opened or administrative as it is a trailing route for cattle.

## Route: 2055

### Segment: 223

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 224

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2055

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2056

### Segment: 430

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn -- SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2056

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2057

### Segment: 934

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2057

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2058

### Segment: 158

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2058

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-23

- Dry Mesa RoadDry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas.Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2059

### Segment: 163

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2059

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-22

• Little Mesa spurs Numerous damaging and randomly created spurs and loops branch off from Little Mesa Road, 2026-2025-2187 and should be closed. These include 2059, 2188, 2190, 3100, 2191, 2192, 2197, 2198, 3104, 3099, 3104. If some of these would make a link between Little Mesa and Dry Mesa, there should be one route only and it should be a full size vehicle 4WD route rather than an ATV route. Full-size vehicles are the traditional use of this county, whereas ATVs introduce a new, noisy, "go-anywhere," unenforceable use that is incompatible with the traditional rugged, remote and solitary setting of this area

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 206

### Segment: 2568

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 206

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2060

### Segment: 421

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2060

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2061

### Segment: 298

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Paleo

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2061

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2062

### Segment: 1452

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian 7 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Segment: 3053

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management

SOIL Soils Fragile

- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2062

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2063

### Segment: 1294

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2063

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2064

### Segment: 1293

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2064

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2065

### Segment: 1256

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2065

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2066

### Segment: 1267

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect unique and sensitive geological resources in the Gunnison Gravels ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2066

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2068

### Segment: 1277

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2068

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2069

### Segment: 1247

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2069

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 207

### Segment: 2594

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 207

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2070

#### Segment: 1192

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2070

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2071

#### Segment: 1148

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2071

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2072

### Segment: 1152

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2072

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-33

• Route number 2072. There is no reason for this to be an administrative route and needs to be left open.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-52

• Route number 2072. This is an incomplete route on the map as it extends to more private North along River through more BLM and to another private still further North.

## Route: 2073

### Segment: 1053

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2073

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group [COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town

or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 - 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-37

• Route number 2073. Needs to be left open as it is the only route onto this Mesa.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2074

### Segment: 3171

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 1037

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3170

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 989

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2074

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-75

- Routes 2328, 2327, 2076, 4008, 2074: As long as there is not a conflicting resource use, QTG recommends leaving these routes open to horse and foot as it offers nice views into the canyon. Specifically, we are concerned about disturbance to any prairie dog town in the vicinity and would support re-routing any of these or any other trails that could hurt prairie dog habitat and colonies in the southern portion of this unit.

## Route: 2075

### Segment: 1022

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2075

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2076

#### Segment: 1020

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 2076

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-75

- Routes 2328, 2327, 2076, 4008, 2074: As long as there is not a conflicting resource use, QTG recommends leaving these routes open to horse and foot as it offers nice views into the canyon. Specifically, we are concerned about disturbance to any prairie dog town in the vicinity and would support re-routing any of these or any other trails that could hurt prairie dog habitat and colonies in the southern portion of this unit.

### Route: 2077

#### Segment: 942

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2077

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2078

### Segment: 920

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2078

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2079

### Segment: 894

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2079

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 208

### Segment: 2575

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 208

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd /  
Mechanized/Motorcycle

Comment ID: 000000106-211

- Alt E should not have 179, 186, 195 and 208 designated as ATV as they were inventoried as single track. See "Photo Comparison" at bottom of comment. Unfortunately as can be seen in the photos, some users have taken it upon themselves to widen some of these from single tracks to 2-tracks. These need to be rehabbed back to being single tracks.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 2080

### Segment: 875

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2080

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2081

### Segment: 2999

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 3194

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2081

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-34

- Route numbers 2081, 2083, 2334. These are routes to private and need to go back to open and not administrative routes.

## Route: 2082

### Segment: 897

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2082

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2083

### Segment: 935

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2083

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-34

- Route numbers 2081, 2083, 2334. These are routes to private and need to go back to open and not administrative routes.

## Route: 2085

### Segment: 718

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2085

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2086

### Segment: 581

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Raptor Potential Habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2086

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-40

Route number 2086. This is a through route and needs left open.

• Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2087

### Segment: 540

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2087

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2088

### Segment: 507

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2088

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2089

### Segment: 529

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2089

Organization, commenter: Widefield School District 3, Terry Kimber

Comment ID: 000000046-2

• Road 2166: (Bad Point Rd) The Wilderness area has cut off this road only mile from the end of the road. This is a law enforcement nightmare. Let's not do that again in the NCA. Road 2166 in option E is ATV only to that point but can be driven by vehicle down to the big rock hill safely and easily. This location is called Jerry's Hole. One of our favorite hunting spots when there is water or weather. I recommend making the trail ATV only from that point rather than from road 2089. Road 2089: This road is seldom used yes but is very necessary to retrieve downed game from the back of Jerry's Hole. I recommend that a downed game by ATV designation for this and many other of the trails and roads that are proposed to be closed in the areas where hunting is a significant factor from August to November. Road 3143: (Sowbelly Ridge) Should be designated Downed Game ATV to the border of the wilderness area.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

• Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zonos 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-5

• Manage Gunnison Slopes Unit and Dominguez Addition Unit as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics ERMA status for Gunnison Slopes is a good start, but it needs the additional protection as a LWC as well. Dominguez Addition also needs to be included as a LWC, and the two ATV routes currently open in the preferred Alternative (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) definitively closed to maintain this area's wild character

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-18

• Comments on Travel Management Plan The following comments are based upon my review of the Map of Route by Route Designations for Alternative E (Map N-1E) in relationship to the resource management goals and objectives of the NCA. As previously stated, we are concerned that wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATVs and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-4

• Two other units with wilderness characteristics occur within the D-E NCA that are not included within the preferred alternative. Wilderness characteristics within the Gunnison Slopes Unit appear to have been largely protected through management of this area as an ERMA that would emphasize equestrian and hiking trail activities and dispersed camping. This management strategy seems reasonable to provide camping opportunities along the Gunnison River to accommodate boating use on the river while maintaining an overall primitive setting. However, wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATVs and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N-1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." Id. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-50

- Route number 2089. Needs to change to admin as it goes to ponds.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 209

### Segment: 2571

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 209

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2090

### Segment: 294

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2090

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-12

- The recently pioneered route, 2618-2090, spurring off County Rd 2091 west of Bennett's Basin should be closed and obliterated. It has no long-established purpose, having been recently created and serves only to scar the landscape. It is needlessly fragmenting what has been heretofore a relatively unfragmented area. Similarly 2168 should be closed as it is unnecessary, duplicative, parallels an existing route, is only recently-created, and serves no purpose.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2091

### Segment: 276

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2091

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-12

- The recently pioneered route, 2618-2090, spurring off County Rd 2091 west of Bennett's Basin should be closed and obliterated. It has no long-established purpose, having been recently created and serves only to scar the landscape. It is needlessly fragmenting what has been heretofore a relatively unfragmented area. Similarly 2168 should be closed as it is unnecessary, duplicative, parallels an existing route, is only recently-created, and serves no purpose.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-19

- Route 2095 going south from County Rd (marked 2091 on the inventory map) should be nonmotorized, for pack and saddle only, if not closed altogether to improve wildlife security in this area. This trail did not exist historically

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2092

### Segment: 251

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2092

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-45

- Route numbers 2092, 2619, 2167. These need to go to open as they are access to private.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2093

### Segment: 248

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2093

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2095

### Segment: 247

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Open to Foot and Horse (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2095

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-19

• Route 2095 going south from County Rd (marked 2091 on the inventory map) should be nonmotorized, for pack and saddle only, if not closed altogether to improve wildlife security in this area. This trail did not exist historically

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-44

• Route numbers 2095, 2174, and 2620. These are access between private and need to change from admin to open.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2097

### Segment: 279

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - PSD slopes >40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2097

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2098

### Segment: 289

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2098

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## Route: 2099

### Segment: 274

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes

- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Lands with wilderness characteristics
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** Wild&Scenic objectives
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2099

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 21

### Segment: 2816

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Public Comments On Route: 21

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 210

#### Segment: 2589

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 210

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2100

#### Segment: 245

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Lands with wilderness characteristics
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** Wild&Scenic objectives
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2100

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

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## Route: 2101

### Segment: 260

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2101

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2102

### Segment: 238

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2102

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2103

### Segment: 236

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2103

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

- Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2104

### Segment: 206

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2104

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2105

### Segment: 211

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2105

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

- Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2106

### Segment: 208

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2106

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2108

### Segment: 189

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2108

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2109

### Segment: 204

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2109

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-23

• Dry Mesa Road Dry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas. Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 211

### Segment: 2565

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 211

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2110

### Segment: 198

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2110

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2111

### Segment: 226

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2111

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

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## Route: 2112

### Segment: 191

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2112

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

• Dry Mesa Road Dry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas. Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2114

### Segment: 154

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2114

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2115

### Segment: 453

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2115

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2116

### Segment: 404

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 2116

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-3

- Route # 2116 is a short side trail that provides access to one of the main overlooks on the Escalante Rim. Again there is no supportable reason to justify closing this overlook. Keep the overlook open.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2117

### Segment: 399

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2117

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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### Route: 2118

#### Segment: 410

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2118

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 212

### Segment: 2579

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 212

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2120

### Segment: 393

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2120

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2121

### Segment: 351

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2121

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

- Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

- IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands.

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2122

### Segment: 354

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2122

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

• Sowlbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-18

• Camp Ridge South of the Sowlbelly and Camp Ridge all the recently pioneered routes, 2122, 2172, 2126, 2180 and 2127, should be permanently closed and obliterated to reduce habitat fragmentation, improve wildlife security and return this area to its previous more primitive and solitary condition. These routes are unnecessary, go nowhere and serve no purpose

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2123

### Segment: 322

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2123

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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### Route: 2124

#### Segment: 333

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2124

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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### Route: 2125

#### Segment: 343

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2125

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2126

### Segment: 316

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2126

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-18

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171, 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2127

### Segment: 309

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2127

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-18

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## Route: 2129

### Segment: 131

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3174

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2129

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-20

• Routes 2620 and 2128 near Kelso Creek should be closed to public access, kept open for private access only if necessary. To the east, spurs 2576 and 2129 should be closed and obliterated

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 213

### Segment: 2567

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 213

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2130

### Segment: 108

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2130

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2131

### Segment: 116

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2131

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2132

### Segment: 111

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2132

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2133

### Segment: 104

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2133

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2134

### Segment: 134

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2134

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

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## Route: 2135

### Segment: 95

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

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## Route: 2136

### Segment: 83

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%, Lands with wilderness characteristics
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

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## Public Comments On Route: 2136

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-10

• Dry Mesa Rd. and Sawmill Mesa Rd.: Roads 2243, 2248, 2249 and 2136 are currently open for ATV use and I would like to see them remain so. It would make sense to also leave 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 left open to horse/foot traffic, thereby providing multi-use with little user conflict

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-24

• Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2137

### Segment: 78

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

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## Route: 2138

### Segment: 73

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

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## Public Comments On Route: 2138

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## Route: 2139

### Segment: 62

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
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- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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- Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 214

### Segment: 2618

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 214

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2140

### Segment: 48

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2140

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2144

### Segment: 34

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

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## Public Comments On Route: 2144

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2145

### Segment: 23

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-239

• Route 2145 appears to be a secondary access to a field (assuming the field is owned by nearby house owner). The primary access is from the county road at 12 S 736204 4272456. So this route 2145 should be closed.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 2146

### Segment: 19

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
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- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2146

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 2147

### Segment: 12

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
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- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
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##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

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## Public Comments On Route: 2147

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2148

### Segment: 3192

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands

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- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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## Public Comments On Route: 2148

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## Route: 2149

### Segment: 14

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
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## Route: 215

### Segment: 2549

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 215

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2152

### Segment: 3

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2152

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely closed, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2153

### Segment: 8

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2153

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

● The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

● The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2154

### Segment: 9

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2154

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2155

### Segment: 2

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2155

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2156

### Segment: 666

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Bighorn – Close and rehab --wincon, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2156

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

- Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficulty to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

- IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and privatelands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id.

Finay, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-39

- Route number 2156. This needs to be left open as it [is] access to irrigation structure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2157

### Segment: 493

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2157

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2159

### Segment: 531

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian crossing reductions
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2159

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 216

### Segment: 2553

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 216

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2160

### Segment: 369

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impat
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** Lands with wilderness characteristics – SSR
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2160

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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## Route: 2161

### Segment: 363

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impat
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2161

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2162

### Segment: 364

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics

- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Lands with wilderness characteristics
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2162

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

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## Route: 2163

### Segment: 1766

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2163

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-2

• On the Preferred Alternative E, I would like to make two suggestions on routes that have either been temporarily closed or access restricted. The first route is on the Hunting Grounds. It is the route that takes you to the dedication site for the NCA. It's an incredible overlook of the Gunnison River, the Loretta House and the Big Dominguez Canyon. The route numbers involved are: 2163, 2164, 3051, 461, 454 and 450. I understand this is proposed as a temporary closure for the preservation of cultural resources. But, instead of closing the routes until the resources can be protected, why not leave it open until funding, man power, etc. are obtained. Then only close the route for the short time it would take to actually do the work needed. This would eliminate the route being closed for an indefinite period of time.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2164

### Segment: 1696

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2164

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-2

- On the Preferred Alternative E, I would like to make two suggestions on routes that have either been temporarily closed or access restricted. The first route is on the Hunting Grounds. It is the route that takes you to the dedication site for the NCA. It's an incredible overlook of the Gunnison River, the Loretta House and the Big Dominguez Canyon. The route numbers involved are: 2163, 2164, 3051, 461, 454 and 450. I understand this is proposed as a temporary closure for the preservation of cultural resources. But, instead of closing the routes until the resources can be protected, why not leave it open until funding, man power, etc. are obtained. Then only close the route for the short time it would take to actually do the work needed. This would eliminate the route being closed for an indefinite period of time.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Grand Valley Motorized Recreation Coalition, James Solomon

Comment ID: 000000143-9

- Contiguous Motorized Route traversing the Hunting Ground: Proposed Route (4000) which starts at Dominguez Escalante Road near Hwy 50 seems to make sense for a portion of a trail that would traverse the Hunting Ground area and connect with Delta. The same holds true for (2164). We favor the implementation of a contiguous trail the length of the Hunting Ground and would connect to Delta

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2165

### Segment: 1690

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2165

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2166

### Segment: 580

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2166

Organization, commenter: Widefield School District 3, Terry Kimber

Comment ID: 000000046-2

• Road 2166: (Bad Point Rd) The Wilderness area has cut off this road only mile from the end of the road. This is a law enforcement nightmare. Let's not do that again in the NCA. Road 2166 in option E is ATV only to that point but can be driven by vehicle down to the big rock hill safely and easily. This location is called Jerry's Hole. One of our favorite hunting spots when there is water or weather. I recommend making the trail ATV only from that point rather than from road 2089. Road 2089: This road is seldom used yes but is very necessary to retrieve downed game from the back of Jerry's Hole. I recommend that a downed game by ATV designation for this and many other of the trails and roads that are proposed to be closed in the areas where hunting is a significant factor from August to November. Road 3143: (Sowbelly Ridge) Should be designated Downed Game ATV to the border of the wilderness area.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

• Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-62

• I believe the high concentration of cultural resources in the Dominguez Addition area (page 257) and the current low usage by motorized means there is an opportunity to protect these resources from damage like we've unfortunately seen at other sites when there is easy public access (think Rough Canyon or the "I LOVE" site on Hwy 141 south of Cactus Park entrance. I, therefore, support the designation of the Dominguez Addition as an ACEC with principles such as no surface disturbance except for construction of any needed water developments that might be needed for the Dominguez Allotment as long as those developments are kept well away from the cultural resource sites. Routes 2166 and 2177 should be either closed or gated and converted to Admin Use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-5

• Manage Gunnison Slopes Unit and Dominguez Addition Unit as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics ERMA status for Gunnison Slopes is a good start, but it needs the additional protection as a LWC as well. Dominguez Addition also needs to be included as a LWC, and the two ATV routes currently open in the preferred Alternative (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) definitively closed to maintain this area's wild character

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-18

• Comments on Travel Management Plan The following comments are based upon my review of the Map of Route by Route Designations for Alternative E (Map N-1E) in relationship to the resource management goals and objectives of the NCA. As previously stated, we are concerned that wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities.

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• Two other units with wilderness characteristics occur within the D-E NCA that are not included within the preferred alternative. Wilderness characteristics within the Gunnison Slopes Unit appear to have been largely protected through management of this area as an ERMA that would emphasize equestrian and hiking trail activities and dispersed camping. This management strategy seems reasonable to provide camping opportunities along the Gunnison River to accommodate boating use on the river while maintaining an overall primitive setting. However, wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2167

Segment: 243

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Public Comments On Route: 2167

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-45

- Route numbers 2092, 2619, 2167. These need to go to open as they are access to private.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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#### Route: 2168

#### Segment: 382

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Segment: 3224

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2168

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

Sowbelle Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-12

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2169

### Segment: 403

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2169

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

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Comment ID: 00000135-13

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## Route: 217

### Segment: 2569

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 217

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2170

### Segment: 498

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2170

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Comment ID: 000000091-1

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2171

### Segment: 411

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
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## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-13

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-14

- Camp Ridge Horse pack trail 2596, 2171 and 2177 should be nonmotorized and nonmechanized to avoid downgrading the existing "remote, open space recreation setting" of Camp Ridge, as directed in the Colorado BLM's 2007 Recreation and Visitor Services Guide. This document directs that such remote, primitive settings be retained

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-4

- we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zonos 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-5

- Manage Gunnison Slopes Unit and Dominguez Addition Unit as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics ERMA status for Gunnison Slopes is a good start, but it needs the additional protection as a LWC as well. Dominguez Addition also needs to be included as a LWC, and the two ATV routes currently open in the preferred Alternative (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) definitively closed to maintain this area's wild character

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-18

- Comments on Travel Management Plan The following comments are based upon my review of the Map of Route by Route Designations for Alternative E (Map N-1E) in relationship to the resource management goals and objectives of the NCA. As previously stated, we are concerned that wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-46

• Route number 2171. Needs to be open to vehicles as it is used to get to fences and ponds.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2172

### Segment: 318

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2172

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-18

• Camp RidgeSouth of the Sowbelly and Camp Ridge all the recently pioneered routes, 2122, 2172, 2126, 2180 and 2127, should be permanently closed and obliterated to reduce habitat fragmentation, improve wildlife security and return this area to its previous more primitive and solitary condition. These routes are unnecessary, go nowhere and serve no purpose

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## Route: 2173

### Segment: 267

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2173

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 2174

### Segment: 249

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennal stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2174

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-44

- Route numbers 2095, 2174, and 2620. These are access between private and need to change from admin to open.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227,

1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2175

### Segment: 585

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2175

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2176

### Segment: 566

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2176

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2177

### Segment: 2990

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 789

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 836

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 3244

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2177

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-62

• I believe the high concentration of cultural resources in the Dominguez Addition area (page 257) and the current low usage by motorized means there is an opportunity to protect these resources from damage like we've unfortunately seen at other sites when there is easy public access (think Rough Canyon or the "I LOVE" site on Hwy 141 south of Cactus Park entrance. I, therefore, support the designation of the Dominguez Addition as an ACEC with principles such as no surface disturbance except for construction of any needed water developments that might be needed for the Dominguez Allotment as long as those developments are kept well away from the cultural resource sites. Routes 2166 and 2177 should be either closed or gated and converted to Admin Use

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-49

• [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness RMP-Level Comments] Zone 3 currently has two long distance trails, the McCarty Trail (2177) and the Gunnison Trail (2445). The QTG supports the addition of some shorter loop hikes within this zone. As we've mentioned earlier we know many quiet trail users prefer to stay on trails rather than travel cross-country. Adding some loops within this zone will help quiet trail users enjoy more areas of this wilderness zone

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-69

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:]Route 2177: Quiet Users would encourage the BLM to take some type of action to gain/confirm citizen access to the McCarty Trail. At the moment, the entrance of McCarty Trail off Escalante Canyon Rd is on private land and it is unclear if folks are trespassing to get to the McCarty trailhead. Improving trailer parking would also be beneficial to horseback riders coming to the area.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-13

• Route 2169 along Palmer Gulch, west of Camp Ridge, duplicates 2596, 2171, 2003, and 2177 on Camp Ridge and should be closed especially since it is in a canyon drainage with good habitat value

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-14

• Camp RidgeHorse pack trail 2596, 2171 and 2177 should be nonmotorized and nonmechanized to avoid downgrading the existing "remote, open space recreation setting" of Camp Ridge, as directed in the Colorado BLM's 2007 Recreation and Visitor Services Guide. This document directs that such remote, primitive settings be retained

Organization, commenter: Thunder Mountain Wheelers, Mike Wilson

Comment ID: 00000157-13

• Why is the Mc Carty trail not closed for mitigation of the parking area in the same manner that motorized trails are temporarily closed for mitigation? Seems to be same situation

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENTMr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross publicland. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to publicmotorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and privatelands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation.Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and waterdiversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171~2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2178

### Segment: 479

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

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## Public Comments On Route: 2178

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-16

• Loop 2178 and spur 3145 need to be closed and obliterated as duplicative, user-created and serving no purpose. Dense networks of ATV trails have already been designated in portions of the GJFO such as North Desert and Bangs Canyon where they are much better located near urban centers. Permanently designating ATVs routes in these remote areas will downgrade the quiet and solitude needed by wildlife and by quiet users fleeing an increasingly noisy and urbanized society

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2179

## Segment: 478

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2179

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Comment ID: 000000091-1

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Comment ID: 00000103-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-15

• Sowlbelly Ridge Route 2537, 3096, 2182 2179, 3143 along Sowlbelly Ridge dead ends at the wilderness and should be closed to ATVs, but possibly kept open for 4WD hunting access and horse back use, to preserve nonmotorized hunting opportunities and its remote setting, in accordance with the guidance above

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 218

### Segment: 2564

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 218

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2180

### Segment: 310

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2180

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-18

• Camp Ridge South of the Sowlbelly and Camp Ridge all the recently pioneered routes, 2122, 2172, 2126, 2180 and 2127, should be permanently closed and obliterated to reduce habitat fragmentation, improve wildlife security and return this area to its previous more primitive and solitary condition. These routes are unnecessary, go nowhere and serve no purpose

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has misclassified many routes. See EIS Map N-1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1 e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1 e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2181

### Segment: 496

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 501

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 502

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

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## Public Comments On Route: 2181

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

• Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-17

• Tatum GulchRoute 2181 along Tatum Gulch and moving into Tatum Ridge and Tatum Park parallels and duplicates the Sowbelly Ridge routes listed above and should be closed an obliterated to create a logical southern expansion of the wilderness all the way to the Escalante Creek Road

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-4

• We appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zoneso 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-20

• We also request that the BLM reconsider leaving road 2181 open to motorized vehicles. We feel that this road in Tatum Ridge should be converted to a non-motorized trail at the junction with road 3096 to provide additional opportunities for backcountry hunting. A trailhead could be designated here at the head of Ridge to accommodate a few vehicles.

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## Route: 2182

### Segment: 445

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
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#### Rationale

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-15

Sowbelly Ridge Route 2537, 3096, 2182 2179, 3143 along Sowbelly Ridge dead ends at the wilderness and should be closed to ATVs, but possibly kept open for 4WD hunting access and horse back use, to preserve nonmotorized hunting opportunities and its remote setting, in accordance with the guidance above

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635,

624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 3206, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2183

### Segment: 323

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2183

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2184

### Segment: 3180

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 346

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2184

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2185

### Segment: 3051

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2185

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2186

### Segment: 123

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2186

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2187

### Segment: 3035

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3034

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 361

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
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- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2187

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-21

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-22

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## Route: 2188

### Segment: 153

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Verify if reroute is needed or a connection

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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## Public Comments On Route: 2188

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## Route: 2188

### Segment: 155

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
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#### Rationale

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##### Rationale for Decision

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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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## Route: 219

### Segment: 2561

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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## Public Comments On Route: 219

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 2190

### Segment: 184

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

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## Public Comments On Route: 2190

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2191

## Segment: 173

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- SOIL Soils Fragile
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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## Route: 2192

## Segment: 141

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

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Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-22

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2193

## Segment: 117

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2193

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2194

### Segment: 114

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2194

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2195

### Segment: 112

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2195

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2196

### Segment: 109

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2196

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2197

### Segment: 121

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2197

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-22

- Little Mesa spursNumerous damaging and randomly created spurs and loops branch off from Little Mesa Road, 2026-2025-2187 and should be closed. These include 2059, 2188, 2190, 3100, 2191, 2192, 2197, 2198, 3104, 3099, 3104.If some of these would make a link between Little Mesa and Dry Mesa, there should be one route only and it should be a full size vehicle 4WD route rather than an ATV route. Full-size vehicles are the traditional use of this county, whereas ATVs introduce a new, noisy, "go-anywhere," unenforceable use that is incompatible with the traditional rugged, remote and solitary setting of this area

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2198

### Segment: 118

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2198

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-22

- Little Mesa spursNumerous damaging and randomly created spurs and loops branch off from Little Mesa Road, 2026-2025-2187 and should be closed. These include 2059, 2188, 2190, 3100, 2191, 2192, 2197, 2198, 3104, 3099, 3104.If some of these would make a link between Little Mesa and Dry Mesa, there should be one route only and it should be a full size vehicle 4WD route rather than an ATV route. Full-size vehicles are the traditional use of this county, whereas ATVs introduce a new, noisy, "go-anywhere," unenforceable use that is incompatible with the traditional rugged, remote and solitary setting of this area

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2199

### Segment: 167

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2199

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 22

### Segment: 2813

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 22

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 220

### Segment: 2562

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 220

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2200

### Segment: 186

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2200

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 2203

### Segment: 164

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2203

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## Route: 2204

### Segment: 151

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2204

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

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## Route: 2205

### Segment: 192

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2205

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and

proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2206

### Segment: 202

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2206

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

- Dry Mesa Road Dry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas. Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2207

### Segment: 77

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Maintainence
- Steep slope

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2207

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2208

### Segment: 72

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Maintainence
- Steep slope

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2208

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-24

- Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point,

Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2209

### Segment: 74

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2209

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-24

• Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 221

### Segment: 2578

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A

DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 221

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 2210

### Segment: 82

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2210

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320,

301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-67

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments: Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Route 2024: We support closing 2024 as it appears to be a duplicative route. The surrounding routes 2578-3006-2232-2231 and 2579-3108-2210-2344 connect to Forest Service trails. If there are cattle or other uses for this road not shown on the map, we would support an administrative designation. Otherwise we would like to see 2024 closed to reduce route density in the area because of the presence of big game. We also see that these routes stop at the Dry Fork LWC unit; we would urge the BLM to make sure there is a topographical or physical barrier to stop motorized access into the LWC. Please put signage back at the Forest Boundary that the routes dead-end ahead.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-24

• Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2211

### Segment: 5

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils - PSD slopes >40%, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2211

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2212

### Segment: 495

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2212

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2214

### Segment: 521

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2214

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2216

### Segment: 406

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2216

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2217

### Segment: 284

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 2217

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

### Route: 222

#### Segment: 2546

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 222

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2222

### Segment: 378

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Soils -PSD slopes >40%

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2222

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2223

### Segment: 422

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2223

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2224

### Segment: 278

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2224

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2225

### Segment: 285

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2225

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2226

### Segment: 259

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2226

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2227

### Segment: 257

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2227

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2229

### Segment: 270

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2229

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 223

### Segment: 2542

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 223

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2231

### Segment: 172

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2231

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430,

4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-67

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Route 2024: We support closing 2024 as it appears to be a duplicative route. The surrounding routes 2578-3006-2232-2231 and 2579-3108-2210-2344 connect to Forest Service trails. If there are cattle or other uses for this road not shown on the map, we would support an administrative designation. Otherwise we would like to see 2024 closed to reduce route density in the area because of the presence of big game.We also see that these routes stop at the Dry Fork LWC unit; we would urge the BLM to make sure there is a topographical or physical barrier to stop motorized access into the LWC. Please put signage back at the Forest Boundary that the routes dead-end ahead.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2232

### Segment: 101

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2232

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-67

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## Route: 2233

### Segment: 107

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2233

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272, 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2236

### Segment: 216

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2236

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

- Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2237

### Segment: 220

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2237

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2238

### Segment: 188

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2238

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2239

### Segment: 230

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2239

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 224

### Segment: 2541

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 224

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2240

### Segment: 214

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2240

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2241

### Segment: 232

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A

DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian crossing reductions, Lands with wilderness characteristics
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2241

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-66

- Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:Route 2249: We support Alternative E having 2249 as a horse/foot trail, as we are concerned about the impacts to the stream and water quality from motorized vehicles. We recommend that the BLM install adequate barriers at the intersection with Route 2241. We've seen that the current barrier is inadequate to stop ATV use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2242

### Segment: 231

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian crossing reductions, Lands with wilderness characteristics
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2242

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2243

### Segment: 233

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 14 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian crossing reductions, Lands with wilderness characteristics
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2243

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2159, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-10

Dry Mesa Rd. and Sawmill Mesa Rd.: Roads 2243, 2248, 2249 and 2136 are currently open for ATV use and I would like to see them remain so. It would make sense to also leave 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 left open to horse/foot traffic, thereby providing multi-use with little user conflict

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-2

2.Route # 2249, 2248, 2244, 2243 is identified on the "Route by Route Designations Alternative E Map" as a horse trail but is currently used as a multiple use trail which includes OHV's. I disagree with the redesignation of this trail to horseback/hikers only. I have hiked this trail and it is beautiful and offers many opportunities for all user groups. It is less traveled because it is not signed and hidden from view on the main road. In all of the times I've been on this trail, I've never seen another user. This trail should remain open to motorized use.

Organization, commenter: Lawrence Ribnick

Comment ID: 000000099-5

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

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Comment ID: 000000156-22

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2244

### Segment: 290

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
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- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
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- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

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##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2244

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-2

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Comment ID: 000000099-5

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

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Comment ID: 00000156-22

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## Route: 2248

### Segment: 505

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
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## Public Comments On Route: 2248

Organization, commenter: COHVCO, James Solomon

Comment ID: 00000065-29

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Comment ID: 00000065-3

• ATV Trail 2249 & 2248 off Dry Mesa Road would make a great Motorized opportunity to explore a secluded and beautiful draw: Alternative (D) addresses this route and proposes to make it open to motorized travel at the ATV width. This is a very good idea and should be included in the final RMP. Please keep in mind the need for more quality options for this type of recreation. The Dry Mesa Road allows for a great round trip loop ride up onto the North Uncompahgre and back on the Escalante Road. The route consisting of 2249 & 2248 provide additional enhancement to this experience.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-10

• Dry Mesa Rd. and Sawmill Mesa Rd.: Roads 2243, 2248, 2249 and 2136 are currently open for ATV use and I would like to see them remain so. It would make sense to also leave 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 left open to horse/foot traffic, thereby providing multi-use with little user conflict

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Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-5

• Trail Number(s): 2249/2248 Trail Name: Dry Mesa & Sawmill area Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): 4-Wheeling by fullsize 4WD Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Scenic views, exploration of a remote area. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This area gives a feeling of remoteness and is fun to explore in a fullsize 4WD. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): These routes should remain open to fullsize 4WD

Organization, commenter: Eric Rechel

Comment ID: 00000150-4

• Dry Fork - I was there in summer of 2011. ATVs have started a trial up the creek bottom with no regard for habitat or aquatic environment. This illegal ATV route must be closed. It is degrading the water quality and the environmental integrity of Dry Fork

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-22

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## Route: 2249

### Segment: 532

#### Designation

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##### Mitigation Criteria

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##### Planning Criteria

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Organization, commenter: COHVCO, James Solomon

Comment ID: 000000065-3

- ATV Trail 2249 & 2248 off Dry Mesa Road would make a great Motorized opportunity to explore a secluded and beautiful draw: Alternative (D) addresses this route and proposes to make it open to motorized travel at the ATV width. This is a very good idea and should be included in the final RMP. Please keep in mind the need for more quality options for this type of recreation. The Dry Mesa Road allows for a great round trip loop ride up onto the North Uncompahgre and back on the Escalante Road. The route consisting of 2249 & 2248 provide additional enhancement to this experience.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-10

- Dry Mesa Rd. and Sawmill Mesa Rd.: Roads 2243, 2248, 2249 and 2136 are currently open for ATV use and I would like to see them remain so. It would make sense to also leave 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 left open to horse/foot traffic, thereby providing multi-use with little user conflict

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-2

- 2.Route # 2249, 2248, 2244, 2243 is identified on the "Route by Route Designations Alternative E Map" as a horse trail but is currently used as a multiple use trail which includes OHV's. I disagree with the redesignation of this trail to horseback/hikers only. I have hiked this trail and it is beautiful and offers many opportunities for all user groups. It is less traveled because it is not signed and hidden from view on the main road. In all of the times I've been on this trail, I've never seen another user. This trail should remain open to motorized use.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

- Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-66

- Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:Route 2249: We support Alternative E having 2249 as a horse/foot trail, as we are concerned about the impacts to the stream and water quality from motorized vehicles. We recommend that the BLM install adequate barriers at the intersection with Route 2241. We've seen that the current barrier is inadequate to stop ATV use

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenack

Comment ID: 000000130-5

- Trail Number(s): 2249/2248Trail Name: Dry Mesa & Sawmill areaTrail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text.Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):4-Wheeling by fullsize 4WDWhy you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):Scenic views, exploration of a remote area.Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This area gives a feeling of remoteness and is fun to explore in a fullsize 4WD.Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):These routes should remain open to fullsize 4WD

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-22

- Within the Sawmill Mesa area we are very pleased to see the establishment of two major horse & foot trails in the area. Route 2243/2244/2248/2249 provides access into the Dry Fork of Escalante Canyon. This canyon provides excellent opportunities for hiking, backpacking, backcountry hunting, horseback riding, exploring, and other quiet use recreation. Route 2377/2376/2353/2354/2399 in the Escalante Rim area also provides opportunities for these activities in an area that provides excellent solitude. We fully support the designation of these routes as being open to horse and foot travel only.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 225

### Segment: 2543

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 225

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2250

### Segment: 136

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2250

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272, 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2251

### Segment: 148

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2251

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2252

### Segment: 125

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2252

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can

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## Route: 2253

### Segment: 124

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2253

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2254

### Segment: 103

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2254

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2255

### Segment: 133

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2255

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random,

unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2256

### Segment: 135

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2256

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2257

### Segment: 139

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile

- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2257

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2258

### Segment: 98

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2258

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

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Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2259

### Segment: 96

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Possible new alignment for 2260, 3001, 3002, 2258, 2254, 3109, etc.

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2259

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 226

### Segment: 2544

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 226

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2260

### Segment: 90

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2260

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2261

### Segment: 84

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Possible new alignment for 2260, 3001, 3002, 2258, 2254, 3109, etc.

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2261

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2262

### Segment: 88

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2262

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2264

### Segment: 76

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Steep slopes issue; ensure a maintenance priority.

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2264

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2265

### Segment: 56

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to the edge of the Sagebrush field

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2265

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 2266

### Segment: 54

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2266

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## Route: 2267

### Segment: 55

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2267

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2268

### Segment: 65

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2268

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2269

### Segment: 58

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
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## Public Comments On Route: 2269

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 227

### Segment: 2555

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 227

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2270

### Segment: 3185

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2270

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

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## Route: 2271

### Segment: 64

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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## Rationale

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### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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## Public Comments On Route: 2271

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2272

### Segment: 70

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2272

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

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## Route: 2273

### Segment: 46

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

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## Public Comments On Route: 2273

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## Route: 2277

### Segment: 3181

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to the edge of the Sagebrush field

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2277

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2283

### Segment: 3184

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Foot and horse (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2283

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2284

### Segment: 3036

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Foot and horse (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 22

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2284

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2285

### Segment: 20

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2285

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2286

### Segment: 4

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils - PSD slopes >40%, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2286

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2287

### Segment: 747

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2287

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2289

### Segment: 705

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2289

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## Route: 229

### Segment: 2547

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 229

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2290

### Segment: 726

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%

- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2290

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2291

### Segment: 719

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2291

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2292

### Segment: 706

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2292

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2293

### Segment: 733

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2293

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2294

### Segment: 730

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2294

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2295

### Segment: 699

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 702

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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## Public Comments On Route: 2295

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 2296

### Segment: 592

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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## Route: 2297

### Segment: 707

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-10

• Dry Mesa Rd. and Sawmill Mesa Rd.: Roads 2243, 2248, 2249 and 2136 are currently open for ATV use and I would like to see them remain so. It would make sense to also leave 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 left open to horse/foot traffic, thereby providing multi-use with little user conflict

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 00000096-5

- 5. Route # 2006, 2008, 2299, 2298, 2007, and 2297 are designated as "closed" because they don't connect into any other trails. I disagree with your assessment that this trail lacks an identified use. This trail provides all recreationalists a way to access the gullies and other topographic features of the immediate area for hiking, exploring, sightseeing, picnicking, solitude etc... This trail should remain open.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

- Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2298

### Segment: 696

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2298

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-10

- Dry Mesa Rd. and Sawmill Mesa Rd.: Roads 2243, 2248, 2249 and 2136 are currently open for ATV use and I would like to see them remain so. It would make sense to also leave 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 left open to horse/foot traffic, thereby providing multi-use with little user conflict

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-5

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2299

### Segment: 670

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2299

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-10

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 23

### Segment: 2815

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 23

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 230

### Segment: 2548

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 230

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2300

### Segment: 688

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2300

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2301

### Segment: 624

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2301

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2302

### Segment: 593

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2302

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2303

### Segment: 572

#### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2303

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2304

### Segment: 3049

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian. Steep slopes issue; ensure a maintenance priority.

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Segment: 847****Designation** **Current Designation**

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Mitigation Criteria**

- Riparian. Steep slopes issue; ensure a maintenance priority.

**Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

**Rationale****Designation Criteria**

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

**Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

**Previous Alternatives Analyzed****Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Public Comments On Route: 2304**

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

**Route: 2305****Segment: 755****Designation** 

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2305

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2306

### Segment: 746

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2306

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2307

### Segment: 856

#### Designation ?

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2307

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2308

### Segment: 825

#### Designation ?

**Current Designation**

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 2308

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 231

#### Segment: 2550

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 231

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

- Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the

existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 2313

### Segment: 812

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2313

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) .... 5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-2

• Route Specific Comments 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does

not believe there would be any significant impacts to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administration Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2314

### Segment: 811

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2314

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2315

### Segment: 807

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Segment: 809

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2315

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2316

### Segment: 808

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management

- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2316

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2317

### Segment: 802

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2317

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2318

### Segment: 799

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2318

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 232

### Segment: 2532

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 232

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2320

### Segment: 791

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2320

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2321

### Segment: 766

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2321

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2322

### Segment: 751

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2322

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2323

### Segment: 1074

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2323

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-178

- Given that the pronghorn winter concentration (map 3-15) overlaps with soils areas that are "not meeting" land health standards, could it be that if the area around the current winter concentration was closed to motorized/mechanized travel during the winter months (Nov April) that the pronghorn might naturally gravitate to the surrounding healthier land (slightly healthier)? I believe it would be a worthwhile experiment. The result might be a stronger pronghorn population. Routes 3139, 2323 and 3140 appear to be right beside the winter area and it might be helpful to the pronghorn population to close them. The County might be willing to consider a winter closure of their road on the north side of the area, as it might have two benefits the economic draw of watchable wildlife from a larger pronghorn population and saving maintenance from mud damages to their road.

## Route: 2324

### Segment: 3172

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 1016

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2324

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2325

### Segment: 1023

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2325

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2326

### Segment: 1041

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2326

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2327

### Segment: 1036

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2327

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-75

- Routes 2328, 2327, 2076, 4008, 2074: As long as there is not a conflicting resource use, QTG recommends leaving these routes open to horse and foot as it offers nice views into the canyon. Specifically, we are concerned about disturbance to any prairie dog town in the vicinity and would support re-routing any of these or any other trails that could hurt prairie dog habitat and colonies in the southern portion of this unit.

## Route: 2328

### Segment: 1056

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 2328

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-75

- Routes 2328, 2327, 2076, 4008, 2074: As long as there is not a conflicting resource use, QTG recommends leaving these routes open to horse and foot as it offers nice views into the canyon. Specifically, we are concerned about disturbance to any prairie dog town in the vicinity and would support re-routing any of these or any other trails that could hurt prairie dog habitat and colonies in the southern portion of this unit.

## Route: 2329

### Segment: 1052

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2329

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 233

### Segment: 2563

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 233

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2330

### Segment: 1044

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2330

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2331

### Segment: 1046

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2331

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2332

### Segment: 896

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2332

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2334

### Segment: 923

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2334

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-34

- Route numbers 2081, 2083, 2334. These are routes to private and need to go back to open and not administrative routes.

## Route: 2336

### Segment: 3050

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3266

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Segment: 3219

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3218

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3256

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 2336

Organization, commenter: Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club, Walt Blackburn

Comment ID: 00000001-13

• [SS: Regarding closure of trails pending mitigation] Specifically we refer to the Gunnison River trail and Gibley Gulch. The Gunnison river trail is the most popular OHV trail in the NCA. It passes by, at a safe distance, many old historical encampments and cultural displays. Such displays have been there undisturbed for decades. It appears that the only know cultural sites are NOT on BLM lands. According to the map they appear to be on the CP&W lands. With new and proper signage we see no reason these routes could not remain open without any user created problems. The Gunnison River trail has been in existence since pioneer days without any manifestation of resource, cultural or vegetation infractions. The route was there, way before CP&W acquired the lands that it now crosses  
Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rudy Rodriguez

Comment ID: 000000082-2

• The Gunnison river trail is one of the most popular OHV trails and has been in existence since pioneer days without any manifestation of resource, cultural or vegetation infractions. The route was there, way before CP&W acquired the lands that it now crosses.  
Organization, commenter: Thunder Mountain Wheelers, Mike Wilson

Comment ID: 000000157-8

• The temporary closure of the Gunnison river trail for whatever reason, because it crosses CPW land, or for other reasons, maybe because if a conflict with plant life does not seem justified. Until recently the Colorado fishing guide and regulation gave specific directions as how to access the Water Wheel Tract. As for protection of some plant that trail has been there, as a wagon road into Escalante canyon, a care road to same place, access for the power company to build the power line to the canyon, and for the last twenty or so years as a jeep road and ATV trail. For over 10 years Thunder Mountain Wheelers has maintained the portion that follows along the river. Two different Game Wardens have given verbal approval to me personally to maintain the trail. Several times both verbal and written requests have been presented to the Montrose Field Office for Thunder Mountain Wheelers to adopt the Gunnison River Trail. We have been ignored by BLM

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N-1.e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1.e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Finally, Map N-1.e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) .... 5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-2

• Route Specific Comments 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impacts to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administrative Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2337

### Segment: 889

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2337

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2338

### Segment: 890

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2338

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2339

### Segment: 895

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2339

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 234

### Segment: 2554

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 234

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2340

### Segment: 899

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2340

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2342

### Segment: 902

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2342

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b, Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c, Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d, Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e, Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ... 5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Chris Joyner

Comment ID: DENCA-1-21111-1

• Road 2342 Designation - Administrative Comment Number: 1 Comment Title: Road 2342 Designation - Administrative Comment: I hunt around Escalante Canyon Road a lot. I use road 2342 to get to my hunting destination. While it is but a short road, the road is

critical to access an excellent duck hunting spot. I've tried to walk in from Escalante Canyon Road. The problem is you either spook the ducks trying to lumber along in wadders or you end up falling a few times trying to walk with wadders and duck decoys. The road is very important to me so I can get to my absolute favorite duck hunting spot. Access on the other side of the river is even more problematic. This road is the best access to that duck hunting. Oh, and don't tell anybody else about my duck hunting spot. I do hope you keep this road in the inventory.

## Route: 2343

### Segment: 916

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2343

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2344

### Segment: 143

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2344

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-67

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments: Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Route 2024: We support closing 2024 as it appears to be a duplicative route. The surrounding routes 2578-3006-2232-2231 and 2579-3108-2210-2344 connect to Forest Service trails. If there are cattle or other uses for this road not shown on the map, we would support an administrative designation. Otherwise we would like to see 2024 closed to reduce route density in the area because of the presence of big game. We also see that these routes stop at the Dry Fork LWC unit; we would urge the BLM to make sure there is a topographical or physical barrier to stop motorized access into the LWC. Please put signage back at the Forest Boundary that the routes dead-end ahead.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-24

• Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2345

### Segment: 910

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2345

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2346

### Segment: 909

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2346

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2347

### Segment: 908

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing

- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2347

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2348

### Segment: 936

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2348

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2349

### Segment: 863

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2349

Organization, commenter: Desert Ecosystem Analysis and Restoration, Eric Rechel

Comment ID: 000000109-10

- Need to close roads that approach prairie dog colonies or make them administrative or have seasonal closures, i.e., in the spring. Examples are roads 2350 and 2349 in the Hunting ground and road 3140

## Route: 235

### Segment: 2520

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 235

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2350

### Segment: 940

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2350

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Desert Ecosystem Analysis and Restoration, Eric Rechel

Comment ID: 00000109-10

- Need to close roads that approach prairie dog colonies or make them administrative or have seasonal closures, i.e., in the spring. Examples are roads 2350 and 2349 in the Hunting ground and road 3140

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-76

- Route 2350: If this route needs to be kept open then we recommend that it be administrative only' in the interest of protecting prairie dog colonies

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2351

### Segment: 3009

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Interpretation

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings

- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2351

Organization, commenter: COHVCO, James Solomon  
/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Comment ID: 000000065-19

• There is currently 12 miles of single track trail on the South end of the Hunting ground that starts at Escalante Canyon Road. This trail as depicted in Alternative (D) appears to be designated Bicycle. This trail should be designated motorized single track as well. It is used by riders from Montrose, Delta, and the Grand Valley. This area has great potential for further trail development because a motorcycle needs about 35-50 miles of trail, depending on the difficulty of the terrain. The terrain in this area is of a rolling moderated difficulty, therefore a need to add trail and tighten up the existing trail to slow the riders down.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2352

### Segment: 769

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian. Steep slopes issue; ensure a maintenance priority.

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2352

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become ImplementationDecisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and TransportationManagement Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's accessroutes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'AdministrativeUse Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to,portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on theDENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_AltE\_CTMP ): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192,2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative UseOnly' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-EscalanteNational Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan andEnvironmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N ComprehensiveTravel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation,which states:"Through the process of route-by-route designation, theinterdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were appliedacross all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ...5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to,established right-ofways were either designated as open or as limitedto administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2353

### Segment: 487

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2353

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-22

• Within the Sawmill Mesa area we are very pleased to see the establishment of two major horse & foot trails in the area. Route 2243/2244/2248/2249 provides access into the Dry Fork of Escalante Canyon. This canyon provides excellent opportunities for hiking, backpacking, backcountry hunting, horseback riding, exploring, and other quiet use recreation. Route 2377/2376/2353/2354/2399 in the Escalante Rim area also provides opportunities for these activities in an area that provides excellent solitude. We fully support the designation of these routes as being open to horse and foot travel only.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2354

### Segment: 539

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

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## Public Comments On Route: 2354

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-1

• Specific Routes Designated as Closed or Re-designated: 1. The route identified as 2354 on the "Route by Route Designations Alternative E Map" has been identified as a horse trail but is a well traveled motorized/multiple use trail. I strongly disagree with the re-designation of this trail to horseback/hikers only. These user groups are free to utilize almost every acre of the D-E NCA as you acknowledged in the RMP. This is a very popular ATV and motorcycle trail that provides access between Escalante Rim Road and Sawmill Mesa Road. The trail is relatively easy to travel and is appreciated by those with disabilities. The trail offers excellent riding opportunities as well as outstanding views of the canyon. This trail should remain open to motorized use. I've never seen a horse back rider or

hiker on this trail, but I have seen bicyclists, ATV's and motorcyclists. There is not enough recreational pressure in the D-E NCA to justify limiting the few quality multiple use trails like this one to horse/hikers only.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-68

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:]Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 00000156-22

• Within the Sawmill Mesa area we are very pleased to see the establishment of two major horse & foot trails in the area. Route 2243/2244/2248/2249 provides access into the Dry Fork of Escalante Canyon. This canyon provides excellent opportunities for hiking, backpacking, backcountry hunting, horseback riding, exploring, and other quiet use recreation. Route 2377/2376/2353/2354/2399 in the Escalante Rim area also provides opportunities for these activities in an area that provides excellent solitude. We fully support the designation of these routes as being open to horse and foot travel only.

Organization, commenter: Thunder Mountain Wheelers, Mike Wilson

Comment ID: 00000157-11

• In specific changes on the plan E the closure of the rim road to motorized by the Dry Fork of Escalante which is shown to be now a horse trail. I talked to a good number of horse people early on and was told that they did not want specified trails and that they would ride where ever they wanted. This is a very heavily used road by jeeps ,Pickups ATVs and some other users. Very little use by horse or hickers is seen on the road

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi e ws ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENTMr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in thearea in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross publicland. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course ofmanaging his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to publicmotorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and privatelands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access toprotect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation.Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e.Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and waterdiversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage andoperate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize thesehistoric uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have beenincorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows:Routes460, 1220,1243,1245,2003,2053,2073,2086,2089,2121,2122,2126,2156,2166,2168,2171~2172,2177,2180,2336,2342,2354,2408,2412,2445,2581,2582,2583,2585,2587,2588,2590,2591,2593,2595,2596,2598,2599,2612,2613,2622,2691,3011,3048,3070,3131,3141,and3158.See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that itextends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional2-3 miles, and likewiseRoute 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River atthe Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct theseerrors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-41

• Route number 2354. This is a well used pickup and four Wheeler route and should be changed to open.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 00000245-1

• Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140.Title of Comment (area or trail name):Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction COEmail:Phone:I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

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Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2355

### Segment: 550

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2355

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2356

### Segment: 97

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2356

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2358

### Segment: 275

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2358

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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## Route: 2359

### Segment: 215

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2359

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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## Route: 236

## Segment: 2586

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 236

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 00000151-2

• Road 168: This road leads to a unique lookout with a beautiful view of Kannah Creek meeting the Gunnison. In the summer we travel this road by ATV, and in the winter's cold we travel this frozen road in a Jeep. We've been out to this point three times in the last 9 months always with friends or neighbors. It is a great destination in a Jeep for a sunny, winter afternoon wiener roast. Once again, with all the above as background, I recommend that road 168 remain open to Jeeps. Access to 168 is by roads 196 and a portion of 183. From the junction of 236 and 254 use 196. Connect to the northern portion of 183 which is between 196 and 168. I recommend that 196 and the northern portion of 183 remain open to Jeeps. I do support the ATV designation for 183 south of the 183/196 junction. I also support the ATV designation for 255 along the rim north of its junction with 254.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2360

### Segment: 207

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- SOIL Soils Fragile
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## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

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### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

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## Public Comments On Route: 2360

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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## Route: 2361

### Segment: 209

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2361

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2362

### Segment: 182

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2362

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2363

### Segment: 203

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2363

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, . 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2364

### Segment: 150

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2364

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2365

### Segment: 181

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2365

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2366

### Segment: 122

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2366

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2367

### Segment: 221

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2367

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2368

### Segment: 227

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2368

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 237

### Segment: 2566

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 237

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2370

### Segment: 246

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Lands with wilderness characteristics
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2370

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2371

### Segment: 324

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2371

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2373

### Segment: 357

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2373

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2374

### Segment: 337

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2375

### Segment: 332

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2375

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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## Route: 2376

### Segment: 480

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2376

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-68

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:]Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-22

• Within the Sawmill Mesa area we are very pleased to see the establishment of two major horse & foot trails in the area. Route 2243/2244/2248/2249 provides access into the Dry Fork of Escalante Canyon. This canyon provides excellent opportunities for hiking, backpacking, backcountry hunting, horseback riding, exploring, and other quiet use recreation. Route 2377/2376/2353/2354/2399 in the Escalante Rim area also provides opportunities for these activities in an area that provides excellent solitude. We fully support the designation of these routes as being open to horse and foot travel only.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 000000245-1

• Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140.Title of Comment (area or trail name):Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction COEmail:Phone:I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

## Route: 2377

### Segment: 435

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

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## Route: 2378

### Segment: 416

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2378

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## Route: 2379

### Segment: 503

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 2379

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173.The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2380

### Segment: 401

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2380

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-68

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments: Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 000000245-1

• Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140. Title of Comment (area or trail name): Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380 Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction CO Email: Phone: I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

## Route: 2381

### Segment: 400

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2381

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2382

### Segment: 408

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2382

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-68

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:]Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 000000245-1

• Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140.Title of Comment (area or trail name):Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction

## Route: 2383

### Segment: 409

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2383

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-68

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COEmail:Phone:I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

## Route: 2384

### Segment: 398

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 2384

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2385

### Segment: 359

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2385

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2386

### Segment: 358

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 2386

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2387

### Segment: 344

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 2387

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2388

### Segment: 355

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2388

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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## Route: 2389

## Segment: 330

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2389

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 239

### Segment: 2517

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Special Species Plant

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 239

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 2390

### Segment: 388

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2390

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2391

### Segment: 412

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2391

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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## Route: 2392

### Segment: 390

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2392

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2393

### Segment: 429

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

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## Route: 2394

### Segment: 467

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2394

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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## Route: 2395

### Segment: 418

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2395

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2396

### Segment: 311

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2396

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2397

### Segment: 302

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Paleo

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area

- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impat
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2397

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2398

### Segment: 541

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2398

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-68

- [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments: Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 000000245-1

- Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140. Title of Comment (area or trail name): Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380 Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction CO Email: Phone: I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

## Route: 2399

## Segment: 551

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2399

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-68

[Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:]Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-22

Within the Sawmill Mesa area we are very pleased to see the establishment of two major horse & foot trails in the area. Route 2243/2244/2248/2249 provides access into the Dry Fork of Escalante Canyon. This canyon provides excellent opportunities for hiking, backpacking, backcountry hunting, horseback riding, exploring, and other quiet use recreation. Route 2377/2376/2353/2354/2399 in the Escalante Rim area also provides opportunities for these activities in an area that provides excellent solitude. We fully support the designation of these routes as being open to horse and foot travel only.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 000000245-1

Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140.Title of Comment (area or trail name):Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction COEmail:Phone:I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

## Route: 24

## Segment: 2825

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 24

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 240

### Segment: 2540

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 240

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 2400

### Segment: 555

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2400

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2401

### Segment: 536

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 537

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2401

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2402

### Segment: 490

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Veg Communities – SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2402

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2403

### Segment: 514

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 523

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2403

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2404

### Segment: 506

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian crossing reductions
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** Lands with wilderness characteristics – SSR
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2404

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2408

### Segment: 2914

#### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 1127

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 25 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2408

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

- IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation.

Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

## Route: 2409

### Segment: 601

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2409

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

- Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

## Route: 241

### Segment: 2518

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 241

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2410

### Segment: 956

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Segment: 1067

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2410

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 000000130-6

• Trail Number(s): Route 2410 Trail Name: jeep route Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Jeeping with friends, exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Click here to enter text. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun jeeping trail that allows me to enjoy getting out with a group of friends fairly close to town. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2411

### Segment: 1126

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2411

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2412

### Segment: 1125

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

#### Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 2412

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-32

- Route number 2412. This cannot be closed as it is an access during flood stages of the river.

### Route: 2413

#### Segment: 1124

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2413

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2416

#### Segment: 1158

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2416

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2417

#### Segment: 1170

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2417

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2418

### Segment: 1145

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2418

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2419

### Segment: 1260

## Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impat
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect unique and sensitive geological resources in the Gunnison Gravels ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2419

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 242

### Segment: 2536

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 242

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624,

609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2421

### Segment: 1257

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2421

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2422

### Segment: 3052

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2422

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2423

### Segment: 1090

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2423

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-210

- 4000-3016-3040-3043-2423 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this Mtn Bike, Horse and Foot only. It would be a component of the Mtn Bike long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta. Part of it is also used for horseback riding events. There are great dramatic views looking down the cliffs at the Gunnison far below. Walking along this route gives me the time to contemplate the grandeur of the area, from the mighty power of water carving canyons over thousands of years, to the contrast of the snow-capped Mesa to the east. It is great to experience the winds of spring that mark the changing of the seasons in a quiet setting, so having this route be non-motorized is important to me.

## Route: 2424

### Segment: 1442

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2424

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2425

### Segment: 1443

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2425

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-74

- Route 2426, 2427, and 2425: QTG recommends that these routes be open to mountain bike use, not limited to foot and horse. They could be part of the long-distance route from Whitewater to Delta

## Route: 2426

### Segment: 1689

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- RIPARIAN Riparian 8 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2426

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-226

- 2426, 2427 My husband and I hiked down this route. With the curves in the canyon, it makes it a fun hike as you wonder what will be around the corner. The reward for the hike was getting down to the river. I can see the mountain bikers would enjoy these routes too and they could be part of the long-distance mountain biking trail being considered between Whitewater and Delta. Route 3098 looked like a great place to come back to explore, another appealing twisty canyon.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-74

- Route 2426, 2427, and 2425: QTG recommends that these routes be open to mountain bike use, not limited to foot and horse. They could be part of the long-distance route from Whitewater to Delta

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 000000130-7

- Trail Number(s): 2428/2427/2426 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Jeeping/exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): This route is fun in a Jeep. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun, moderately challenging 4WD route. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

- Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group [COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Ewell Cubertson

Comment ID: DENCA-1-21462-1

**/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)**

- Comment Number: 1 Comment Title: Comment: on route designation and ravel area designation Alternate E BLM preferred alternative I would like to see roads 2426 and 2427 open to mountain bike travel

## Route: 2427

### Segment: 1485

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2427

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-226

- 2426, 2427 My husband and I hiked down this route. With the curves in the canyon, it makes it a fun hike as you wonder what will be around the corner. The reward for the hike was getting down to the river. I can see the mountain bikers would enjoy these routes too and they could be part of the long-distance mountain biking trail being considered between Whitewater and Delta. Route 3098 looked like a great place to come back to explore, another appealing twisty canyon.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-74

- Route 2426, 2427, and 2425: QTG recommends that these routes be open to mountain bike use, not limited to foot and horse. They could be part of the long-distance route from Whitewater to Delta

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-7

- Trail Number(s): 2428/2427/2426 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Jeeping/exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): This route is fun in a Jeep. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun, moderately challenging 4WD route. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

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Organization, commenter: Ewell Cubertson

Comment ID: DENCA-1-21462-1

/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

- Comment Number: 1 Comment Title: Comment: on route designation and ravel area designation Alternate E BLM preferred alternative I would like to see roads 2426 and 2427 open to moutain bike travel

## Route: 2428

### Segment: 1476

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2428

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 000000130-7

- Trail Number(s): 2428/2427/2426 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Jeeping/exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): This route is fun in a Jeep. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun, moderately challenging 4WD route. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

## Route: 2429

### Segment: 1414

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, SS Raptors – PSD&DA/TL 0.5 mile from nests

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect special status raptor nest sites

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2429

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 243

### Segment: 2613

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 15 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 243

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 2430

### Segment: 1411

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, SS Raptors – PSD&DA/TL 0.5 mile from nests

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect special status raptor nest sites

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2430

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-8

• Trail Number(s): 2430/3134/2553 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Mild to moderate Jeeping/exploring and enjoying the scenery. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Click here to enter text. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun, moderately challenging Jeep route. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2431

### Segment: 1363

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2431

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2432

### Segment: 1361

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3026

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2432

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2433

### Segment: 1349

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3027

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2433

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2434

### Segment: 1306

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2434

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2435

### Segment: 1599

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2435

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2436

### Segment: 1613

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2436

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2437

### Segment: 1588

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2437

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2438

### Segment: 1612

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2438

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2439

### Segment: 16

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slopes

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2439

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 244

### Segment: 2516

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 244

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2440

#### Segment: 595

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 2440

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430,

4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2441

### Segment: 600

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2441

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2442

### Segment: 873

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas

- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2442

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2443

### Segment: 871

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2443

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798,

1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2444

### Segment: 941

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2444

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2445

### Segment: 606

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 761

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 19 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 998

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 8 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Public Comments On Route: 2445**

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-49

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness RMP-Level Comments] Zone 3 currently has two long distance trails, the McCarty Trail (2177) and the Gunnison Trail (2445). The QTG supports the addition of some shorter loop hikes within this zone. As we've mentioned earlier we know many quiet trail users prefer to stay on trails rather than travel cross-country. Adding some loops within this zone will help quiet trail users enjoy more areas of this wilderness zone

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-55

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 3Routes 2581, 2582: Quiet Trails Group would like to keep these routes open for quiet use, connecting to 2445. The combination makes a nice 7 mile loop with the added enjoyment of interesting canyon views at a couple of spots along 2581.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

- IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENTMr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross publicland. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course ofmanaging his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to publicmotorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and privatelands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access toprotect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation.Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and waterdiversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage andoperate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwiserestricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize thesehistoric uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have beenincorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows:Routes460, 1220,1243,1245,2003,2053,2073,2086,2089,2121,2122,2126,2156,2166,2168,2171-2172,2177,2180,2336,2342,2354,2408,2412,2445,2581,2582,2583,2585,2587,2588,2590,2591,2593,2595,2596,2598,2599,2612,2613,2622,2691,3011,3048,3070,3131,3141,and3158.See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that itextends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional2-3 miles, and likewiseRoute 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River atthe Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct theseerrors and mis-classifications.

**Route: 2446****Segment: 828****Designation** **Current Designation**

Route Does not Exist

**Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

**Rationale****Designation Criteria**

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

**Rationale for Decision**

- No Rationale for this designation.

**Previous Alternatives Analyzed****Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation**Public Comments On Route: 2446**

- No public comments for this Route

**Route: 2447****Segment: 829****Designation** **Current Designation**

Route Does not Exist

**Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2447

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2448

#### Segment: 830

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2448

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2449

#### Segment: 834

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2449

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 245

### Segment: 2504

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 245

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2450

## Segment: 831

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2450

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2451

## Segment: 832

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2451

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2452

### Segment: 833

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2452

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2453

### Segment: 835

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2453

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2454

### Segment: 839

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2454

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2455

### Segment: 837

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 2455

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2456

#### Segment: 838

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 2456

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2457

#### Segment: 854

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2457

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2458

### Segment: 840

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2458

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2459

### Segment: 3006

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural

- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3007

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Special Species Plant
- Needs cadastral survey

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 814

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural
- Special Species Plant

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 2459

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ....5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-2

• Route Specific Comments. 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impacts to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administrative Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 246

### Segment: 2576

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 246

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2460

### Segment: 798

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Raptor Potential Habitat
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2460

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2461

### Segment: 793

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural
- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2461

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Comment ID: 000000193-10

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Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Comment ID: 000000193-2

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2462

### Segment: 777

#### Designation ?

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural
- Special Species Plant

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2462

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group [COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ....5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-2

• Route Specific Comments 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impacts to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administration Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelson Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2463

### Segment: 792

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC

- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2463

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-2

• Route Specific Comments  
 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impacts to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative.  
 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access.  
 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336).  
 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administration Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'.  
 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

## Route: 2464

### Segment: 775

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2464

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2465

### Segment: 3221

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 3222

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2465

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669,

1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2466

### Segment: 743

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2466

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2467

### Segment: 3043

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 3045

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 722

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 723

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 9 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m, Soils -PSD slopes >40%, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 725

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC

- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2467

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2468

### Segment: 687

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2468

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2469

### Segment: 697

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2469

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point,

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## Route: 247

### Segment: 2515

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 247

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2470

### Segment: 737

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian. Steep slopes issue; ensure a maintenance priority.

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 5 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 2470

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

- 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP ): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192.2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ....5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

### Route: 2471

#### Segment: 685

##### Designation

###### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

###### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 2471

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2472

### Segment: 667

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
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##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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## Public Comments On Route: 2472

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 00000096-4

4. Route # 2472 needs to be reclassified from Administrative use to ATV/multiple use to provide access to route # 3189 which provides river access. This route has a desirable end destination and a clearly identifiable use for motorized users as well as mechanized and quiet users.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downgrade by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and

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## Route: 2473

### Segment: 680

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2473

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2474

### Segment: 636

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2474

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2475

### Segment: 651

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2475

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2476

### Segment: 692

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2476

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group [COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance trail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b, Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c, Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d, Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e, Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ... 5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2477

### Segment: 648

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2477

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2478

### Segment: 626

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2478

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2479

### Segment: 618

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2479

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 248

### Segment: 2502

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 248

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2480

### Segment: 634

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2480

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2481

### Segment: 623

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2481

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2482

### Segment: 622

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2482

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2483

### Segment: 629

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 631

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2483

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2484

## Segment: 632

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2484

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2485

### Segment: 612

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2485

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2486

### Segment: 662

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2486

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 2487

### Segment: 661

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2487

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2488

### Segment: 679

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2488

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2489

### Segment: 678

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2489

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470, 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 249

### Segment: 2509

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 249

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2490

### Segment: 437

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2490

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2491

### Segment: 519

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 3048

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** Wild&Scenic objectives
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Public Comments On Route: 2491

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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#### Route: 2492

##### Segment: 415

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2492

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2493

### Segment: 376

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Lands with wilderness characteristics
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect solitude and opportunities for primitive recreation in areas managed for wilderness character.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2493

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

- Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 2494

### Segment: 353

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Lands with wilderness characteristics
- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2494

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2495

### Segment: 795

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2495

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ....5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-2

• Route Specific Comments. 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impact to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administrative Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2496

### Segment: 794

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS DMEA access route
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2496

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-10

- 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP ): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ....5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 00000193-2

- Route Specific Comments 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impacts to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administration Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

## Route: 2498

### Segment: 3223

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 745

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** CDOW

**Alternative B:** CDOW

**Alternative C:** CDOW

**Alternative D:** CDOW

### Public Comments On Route: 2498

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2499

#### Segment: 470

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2499

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 25

### Segment: 2823

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 25

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 250

### Segment: 2495

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 250

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2500

### Segment: 465

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2500

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2501

### Segment: 472

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2501

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2502

### Segment: 469

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2502

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2503

### Segment: 466

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

#### Public Comments On Route: 2503

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 251

##### Segment: 2519

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

#### Public Comments On Route: 251

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

#### Route: 252

## Segment: 2501

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 252

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 253

### Segment: 2507

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 253

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful

view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 2537

### Segment: 365

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 367

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 377

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Segment: 392

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Public Comments On Route: 2537

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-15

- Sowbelly RidgeRoute 2537, 3096, 2182 2179, 3143 along Sowbelly Ridge dead ends at the wilderness and should be closed to ATVs, but possibly kept open for 4WD hunting access and horse back use, to preserve nonmotorized hunting opportunities and its remote setting, in accordance with the guidance above

### Route: 254

#### Segment: 2585

##### Designation

## Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 254

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-1

• The Hunting Ground roads and trails are used mostly by families, couples and casual sight-seers out for a day enjoying the great outdoors and moseying along the canyon rim. Jeeps and ATVs provide 95% of the conveyance. The Hunting Ground roads and trails generally do not have the length or technical challenge for a good group run by the clubs in the area. With that said, I'd like to see more of the roads along the canyon rim open to jeeps as well as ATVs. The Hunting Ground is a multi-use ERMA and there is no reason to close most of the rim trails to full-size vehicles. I belong to the Jeep Club and the ATV Club and I see no benefit to ATVs by shutting Jeeps out of so many of the rim trails. Most, but not all, the rim trails were put in by full-size and do not have erosion or wear-and-tear issues. Roads 317 and 326: With that as background, I recommend that roads 317 and 326 remain open to full-size as they connect between full-size roads 254 and 331

Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-2

• Road 168: This road leads to a unique lookout with a beautiful view of Kannah Creek meeting the Gunnison. In the summer we travel this road by ATV, and in the winter's cold we travel this frozen road in a Jeep. We've been out to this point three times in the last 9 months always with friends or neighbors. It is a great destination in a Jeep for a sunny, winter afternoon wiener roast. Once again, with all the above as background, I recommend that road 168 remain open to Jeeps. Access to 168 is by roads 196 and a portion of 183. From the junction of 236 and 254 use 196. Connect to the northern portion of 183 which is between 196 and 168. I recommend that 196 and the northern portion of 183 remain open to Jeeps. I do support the ATV designation for 183 south of the 183/196 junction. I also support the ATV designation for 255 along the rim north of its junction with 254.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2541

### Segment: 384

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 2541

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-11

- Bennett's Basin Because there is so much wild country to the south, Roads 2597, 2541, crossing Bennett's Basin, and 2571 and 2601 should be considered for closure to expand the wilderness. At the very least, motorized use on these routes should be kept low by not maintaining them, rather by keeping them as rough, high clearance, full-sized vehicle 4WD roads, rather than as ATV routes, not marking them as ATV routes on maps, nor adding ATV amenities, nor advertizing them as ATV routes on widely publicized ATV and 4X4 websites, brochures, gazetteers, etc.

## Route: 255

### Segment: 2537

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 255

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

• Road 168:This road leads to a unique lookout with a beautiful view of Kannah Creek meeting the Gunnison. In the summer we travel this road by ATV, and in the winter's cold we travel this frozen road in a Jeep. We've been out to this point three times in the last 9 months always with friends or neighbors. It is a great destination in a Jeep for a sunny, winter afternoon wiener roast. Once again, with all the above as background, I recommend that road 168 remain open to Jeeps. Access to 168 is by roads 196 and a portion of 183. From the junction of 236 and 254 use 196. Connect to the northern portion of 183 which is between 196 and 168. I recommend that 196 and the northern portion of 183 remain open to Jeeps.I do support the ATV designation for 183 south of the 183/196 junction. I also support the ATV designation for 255 along the rim north of its junction with 254.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2552

### Segment: 1334

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2552

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2553

### Segment: 1350

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2553

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-8

- Trail Number(s): 2430/3134/2553 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Mild to moderate Jeeping/exploring and enjoying the scenery. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Click here to enter text. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun, moderately challenging Jeep route. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

## Route: 2554

### Segment: 1437

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2554

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 256

### Segment: 2489

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Public Comments On Route: 256

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2560

#### Segment: 3033

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Segment: 1230

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2560

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2561

### Segment: 1234

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2561

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2568

### Segment: 946

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2568

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 257

### Segment: 2505

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 257

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 2571

### Segment: 450

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2571

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

- Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-11

- Bennett's Basin Because there is so much wild country to the south, Roads 2597, 2541, crossing Bennett's Basin, and 2571 and 2601 should be considered for closure to expand the wilderness. At the very least, motorized use on these routes should be kept low by not maintaining them, rather by keeping them as rough, high clearance, full-sized vehicle 4WD roads, rather than as ATV routes, not marking them as ATV routes on maps, nor adding ATV amenities, nor advertizing them as ATV routes on widely publicized ATV and 4X4 websites, brochures, gazetteers, etc.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2573

### Segment: 571

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2573

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2576

### Segment: 120

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2576

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-20

- Routes 2620 and 2128 near Kelso Creek should be closed to public access, kept open for private access only if necessary. To the east, spurs 2576 and 2129 should be closed and obliterated

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2577

### Segment: 115

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2577

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2578

### Segment: 79

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2578

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-67

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2579

### Segment: 67

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2579

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-67

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-24

Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 258

### Segment: 2481

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 258

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2580

### Segment: 1370

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2580

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2581

### Segment: 711

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Segment: 748

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Segment: 712

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

## Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2581

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-55

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 3Routes 2581, 2582: Quiet Trails Group would like to keep these routes open for quiet use, connecting to 2445. The combination makes a nice 7 mile loop with the added enjoyment of interesting canyon views at a couple of spots along 2581.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-49

- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

## Route: 2582

### Segment: 760

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2582

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-55

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## Route: 2583

### Segment: 604

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 683

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 689

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 709

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2583

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-49

- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

## Route: 2584

### Segment: 693

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2584

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2585

### Segment: 690

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 695

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2585

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-49

- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

## Route: 2586

### Segment: 691

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2586

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2587

### Segment: 575

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2587

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

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- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

## Route: 2588

### Segment: 530

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

## Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2588

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-48

- Route numbers 2590, 2622, 2588. These need to be changed to admin routes and not closed as the lead to ponds and also emergency cattle rescue.

## Route: 259

### Segment: 2478

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 259

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2590

### Segment: 518

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2590

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## Route: 2591

### Segment: 603

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2591

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

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Comment ID: 000000192-49

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## Route: 2592

### Segment: 772

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 773

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 783

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 786

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Segment: 784

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2592

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2593

### Segment: 497

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk production areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3248

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk production areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2593

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. In addition, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-51

- Route numbers 2593, 2599, 2598. These need to be changed to admin routes for cattle emergencies.

## Route: 2595

### Segment: 544

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2595

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N - 1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-49

- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

## Route: 2596

### Segment: 374

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2596

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624,

609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

• Sowlbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and then it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-13

• Route 2169 along Palmer Gulch, west of Camp Ridge, duplicates 2596, 2171, 2003, and 2177 on Camp Ridge and should be closed especially since it is in a canyon drainage with good habitat value

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-14

• Camp RidgeHorse pack trail 2596, 2171 and 2177 should be nonmotorized and nonmechanized to avoid downgrading the existing "remote, open space recreation setting" of Camp Ridge, as directed in the Colorado BLM's 2007 Recreation and Visitor Services Guide. This document directs that such remote, primitive settings be retained

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-5

• Manage Gunnison Slopes Unit and Dominguez Addition Unit as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics ERMA status for Gunnison Slopes is a good start, but it needs the additional protection as a LWC as well. Dominguez Addition also needs to be included as a LWC, and the two ATV routes currently open in the preferred Alternative (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) definitively closed to maintain this area's wild character

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-18

• Comments on Travel Management Plan The following comments are based upon my review of the Map of Route by Route Designations for Alternative E (Map N-1E) in relationship to the resource management goals and objectives of the NCA. As previously stated, we are concerned that wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-4

• Two other units with wilderness characteristics occur within the D-E NCA that are not included within the preferred alternative. Wilderness characteristics within the Gunnison Slopes Unit appear to have been largely protected through management of this area as an ERMA that would emphasize equestrian and hiking trail activities and dispersed camping. This management strategy seems reasonable to provide camping opportunities along the Gunnison River to accommodate boating use on the river while maintaining an overall primitive setting. However, wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM

does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2597

### Segment: 434

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 441

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 5 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 446

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk production areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 449

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 452

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Drainage Crossing
- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk production areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches < 60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 2597

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

• Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-10

• Comments on the route inventory for the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA From Southwest to East The southern boundary of Dominguez Wilderness, 2597, has been a trail historically and the existing road only recently created. The road should be kept rough and vehicular traffic low

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-11

• Bennett's Basin Because there is so much wild country to the south, Roads 2597, 2541, crossing Bennett's Basin, and 2571 and 2601 should be considered for closure to expand the wilderness. At the very least, motorized use on these routes should be kept low by not maintaining them, rather by keeping them as rough, high clearance, full-sized vehicle 4WD roads, rather than as ATV routes, not marking them as ATV routes on maps, nor adding ATV amenities, nor advertizing them as ATV routes on widely publicized ATV and 4X4 websites, brochures, gazetteers, etc.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and

needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2598

### Segment: 455

#### Designation ?

**Current Designation**  
Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2598

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

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Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 60, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171, 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Finally, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-51

• Route numbers 2593, 2599, 2598. These need to be changed to admin routes for cattle emergencies.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 2599

### Segment: 432

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2599

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." Id. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-51

- Route numbers 2593, 2599, 2598. These need to be changed to admin routes for cattle emergencies.

## Route: 26

### Segment: 1991

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1995

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2030

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2040

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2050

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2054

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2086

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2105

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2108

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2120

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2133

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2137

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2146

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2150

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2239

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2251

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2255

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2256

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2263

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2268

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2275

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2280

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2327

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2333

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B: Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C: Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D: Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2334

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D: Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2337

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D: Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2350

### Designation

**Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Segment: 2367

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Segment: 2380

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2390

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2396

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2429

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2468

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2484

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2486

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2632

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## **Segment: 2634**

### **Designation**

#### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### **Rationale**

#### **Designation Criteria**

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## **Segment: 2661**

### **Designation**

#### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### **Rationale**

#### **Designation Criteria**

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2662

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2663

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2667

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2683

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2686

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2687

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2691

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2697

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2701

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2709

### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2725

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2729

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2735

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2752

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 2792

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 2794

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 2796

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2798

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2800

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2803

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2809

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## **Segment: 2834**

### **Designation**

#### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### **Rationale**

#### **Designation Criteria**

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## **Segment: 2836**

### **Designation**

#### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### **Rationale**

#### **Designation Criteria**

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2840

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2841

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2843

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2865

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2867

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## **Segment: 2868**

### **Designation**

#### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### **Rationale**

#### **Designation Criteria**

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## **Segment: 2869**

### **Designation**

#### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### **Rationale**

#### **Designation Criteria**

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2888

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2899

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2905

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2908

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 2912

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 26

Organization, commenter: Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club, Walt Blackburn

Comment ID: 00000001-17

- Looking into the future, the main road that traverses the Nine mile hill area is a County Road and is part of the Tabeguache Trail corridor. Let us remind the ID team that there is a plan in the GJRMP to connect Bangs Canyon to the Nine mile hill route with a connector that will cross 141 at this juncture. This will create a unique opportunity for all forms of motorized travel allowing access to the Uncompahgre NF, Gateway area, and Glade Park. This will be a major conflict for the quiet use promoters. Access to this area will be difficult for horse trailers and anything other than high clearance vehicles. The terrain is very rugged with many canyons and will make it difficult for anyone except experienced and well fit hikers. The horse and hoof folks would be better served by allowing them to use the lower area that is along the river (Gunnison Slopes SRMA). Therefore we believe that Alternative (D) would be the best choice

Organization, commenter: COHVCO, James Solomon

Comment ID: 000000065-12

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Organization, commenter: COHVCO, James Solomon

Comment ID: 000000065-20

- Nine mile Hill Recreation Management Area:Alternative (D) would be the best possible choice for this area: Based upon how the area is currently being used and also the need for future trail development to fulfill the growing motorized recreation needs, Alternative (D) would be the best choice. This area lends itself to development of some scenic and challenging single track motorized/mountain bike trails as well as the development of two track ATV trails. There are numerous canyons to experience and a real sense of being in a secluded setting. A negative consideration of alternative (E) is the conflict between quiet use and motorized recreation. There is a County Road that runs the full length of Nine mile hill and is used extensively by 4X4's and ATV's. This road is also part of the Tabeguache Trail and will connect a long motorized route from Bangs Canyon to the Uncompahgre NF. The Nine mile hill area should be allocated for motorized and non-motorized trail based recreation. A major advantage to this designation is that all forms of recreation can use these trails. In a shrinking "use" environment like the BLM is proposing, this would help alleviate over use in other areas.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Jeffery Fleming

Comment ID: 000000105-5

- Keep mountain bike use into the planned Quiet Use area along the rim of Nine Mile Hill. The popular Tabeguache Trail is in this area

Organization, commenter: Jeffery Fleming

Comment ID: 000000105-6

- New trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-103

- What I'd really think would be great for the area is to combine Trailheads down on Hwy 141 with a nice network of hiking/horse trails on top. I think it could be a big draw for people away from the sometimes overused and overcrowded Devils' Canyon hiking area. Some rim trails along both Unaweep Canyon and overlooking the Gunnison would mean people could hike to see both in one outing. I've brought several groups of my friends out for just such an outing. We park down on Hwy 141, sometimes setting up a shuttle and sometimes planning to a grand loop. The hike up to the rim gets the heart pumping, so we feel that we've accomplished a fun feat. From there we head either cross-country or try to link up with some existing roads. Lunch finds us overlooking the Gunnison River, sometimes with great views of Mt Garfield. This outing would be better in for my friends and I if there were trails to follow. I almost never encounter any motorized use of the area, though I have encountered quite a few trash dump sites which people are clearly bringing to the area via motorized vehicles. I believe the motorized users must mostly be just passing through the area. So it seems appropriate to set aside the bulk of this area to non-motorized users, while still allowing motorized recreationalists to pass through the area on the county road and the rest of route 26. I have introduced several groups of friends to hiking in the area and all have enjoyed the interesting diversity of landscapes and vistas. Photo IMG\_10048 shows a view of the Gunnison River that made us want to return to the area for more exploration. We all thought that a trail following the rim where feasible would be a hike filled with many such grand views. I support the designation of this area as described in Alternative E, namely an area promoting equestrian, hiking and dispersed camping. The dispersed camping should be split between camping sites that are accessible by vehicle as well as camping sites that are accessible by non-motorized travel. Because of the short distances involved the area would make an excellent introduction to backpacking or horsepacking overnights (where people have confidence that a short hike/ride gets them back to their vehicle for safety reasons or for reducing the distance to haul water).

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-241

- Route 697 should be shown in the KML version as connecting to 26. I really enjoyed a hike along this route when combined with 700, 708, 720, 738 and 26. I was there with a group of 7 friends and the views and quiet were enjoyed by all. For many they had their first look at the entrance to Cactus Park as their low-clearance cars normally keep from accessing that area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-34

- Cactus Park TMP-Level Comments:Ninemile Hill26 (Ninemile Hill Road): With partners BLM should perform repairs and maintenance of the northern of mile of this route, so that a parking/staging area can be created with outhouse away from Hwy 141. Repairs are needed to make the road passable, when dry, to passenger cars. Many hikers drive passenger cars with low clearance and thus are severely limited by damage in the first mile of 26 from North.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-35

- 508-517 (north end of Ninemile Hill area east of 26): The end of this motorized route would make a great designated camping spot, especially if target shooting is prohibited from designated camping spots.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-36

- 136 (north end of Ninemile Hill area west of 26): This motorized route should be continued about 800 feet (as it currently continues on the ground) to a designated camping spot and turn-around, unless there is a conflict with other resources

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-37

- 687, 680 (near south end of Ninemile Hill area west of 26): This spur should be left open to motorized as a parking area until future parking/staging areas are developed nearby

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-38

- 739 (near south end of Ninemile Hill area north of 26): This connector to the proposed horse/foot trails should be left open to horse/foot so that horseback riders and hikers can proceed from 738 to 733, and proceeding north-ward on the proposed horse/foot trails until reaching 621 and then returning to the starting point via 26. This forms a nice loop, approximately 7 miles in length, with varied views and terrain. Such a connector would also allow other longer loops

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-39

- Cactus Park 15 (access from Hwy 141): We recommend that the BLM and the county work together to improve the access from Hwy 141 so that passenger cars can get as far as the staging area. Most of this road is quite useable and it is only the first 250 feet that are problematic. Near the staging area is the Gunnison Gravel interpretive area. Accessing this interesting interpretive area should not be limited to those driving high-clearance vehicles. We also envision quiet trail users driving as far as the intersection with Route 26 and accessing the Ninemile Hill ERMA via Route 26

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-38

- The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail. Map 1 - Road Densities by watershed This map shows varying road densities with the DENCA. The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area. The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high route densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health. The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, closing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes. The water shed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbelly Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained. Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation Areas This map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape.  
List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011 Photo-point explanation. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list. 2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website): 0660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 80661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol 0662 Braided tracks, cryptogamic soil disturbance, rough road 0665 One of few less jolting sections of road 0672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untrailed, nonmotorized primitive area. 0674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south 0675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 0677 Closer view from the south 0682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. 0684 Same 0689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untrailed, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area 0695 Same 0699 View of Route 8 0705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 80707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

Organization, commenter: Grand Valley Motorized Recreation Coalition, James Solomon

Comment ID: 000000143-2

- The Nine Mile Hill Preferred Alternative makes little sense if you look at how the surrounding areas have traditionally been used: The Tabeguache Trail which is multi use goes through this area and connects Bangs Canyon and Cactus Park. This area is frequently used by Jeep, ATV and Motorcycle. Alternative E, which designates this area as hoof and foot fails to consider the historical use of this area as well as unintended consequences of this alternative. Alternative D would be the best management practice

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-4

- Cactus Park New trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions. We [COPMOBA] agree with 1728 and 1725 as accessible for mountain bike due to the trail being managed as such after crossing National Forest land boundary

Organization, commenter: GMJC, Brulcher

Comment ID: 000000238-2

- Trail Name: 9 Mile Hill Trail description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, ect.): Good Fourwheeling and very good scenery on the trail. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): We have used the trail for about 50 years. We like to run on all the trails Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): We like to see all of the scenery in the area Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): My family uses all of the trails in this area Other comment ( what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): We get the Christmas trees in this area and you guys are closing all the trail we use.....

Organization, commenter: GMJC, Travis Cantrall

Comment ID: 000000239-1

- Trail Name: Nine Mile Hill Trail description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, ect.): I love the wildlife, the trail is pretty easy for me to drive on with my 1957 4x4 Suburban Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): exploring, relaxing Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Close to home and wildlife Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): Solitude, relaxation and remoteness Other comment ( what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): You are taking too many of our or my favorite trails, please keep this one open, this trail was created long ago for us to use and drive on or for recreation but there is no reason to close it at all. Trail Number(s): Trail Name: Cactus Park Trail description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, ect.): Nice and easy trail with lots of views Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): We get our Christmas tree up here every year for as long as I have lived in this state Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): A huge group of us go up to the park every year! Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): A good Christmas tree and lots of memories Other comment ( what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This trail needs to stay open to keep my family tradition going.

Organization, commenter: GMJC, Kristan Benton

Comment ID: 000000240-1

- Trail Name: 9 Mile Trail description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, ect.): beautiful, breathtaking views. Fun for family Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Personally go for taking pictures of the bugs and flowers. Great for me to learn more about the amazing creatures living in the area. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I find all types of creatures to look at. I love finding new people out on the trail and teaching stay the trail ethics. I also share what I learn on Facebook you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): Great for family outings, enjoying the great outdoors with the ones that I love. Also great to go out and learn about the area.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Garry Tullio

Comment ID: 000000246-1

- I enjoy the scenic views in the Ninemile Hill area and have used the Tabeguache Trail for Mountain Biking, hiking and camping. I enjoy the area in Late Spring, summer and fall. 2) This area being close to home and accessible to non-motorized vehicles is very appealing for a recreational destination for me

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kriz Cox

Comment ID: 000000263-1

- The area of concern for me is to make sure that Tabeguache Trail is left open to MTN biking between HWY 141 and 25 Mesa RD. If there are areas of concern then a plan needs to be in place to re-route

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific is sure or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potogrpthing & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377] Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 260

### Segment: 2551

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 260

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2600

### Segment: 436

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2600

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2601

### Segment: 3215

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 570

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 576

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Maintainence
- Soils Steep Slope

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 584

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
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## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils - PSD slopes >40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2601

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

• Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-11

• Bennett's Basin Because there is so much wild country to the south, Roads 2597, 2541, crossing Bennett's Basin, and 2571 and 2601 should be considered for closure to expand the wilderness. At the very least, motorized use on these routes should be kept low by not maintaining them, rather by keeping them as rough, high clearance, full-sized vehicle 4WD roads, rather than as ATV routes, nor marking them as ATV routes on maps, nor adding ATV amenities, nor advertizing them as ATV routes on widely publicized ATV and 4X4 websites, brochures, gazetteers, etc.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 2602

### Segment: 874

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2602

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

- we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular:
  - o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain.
  - o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed.
  - o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs.
  - o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zones
  - o 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-21

- Within the Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park mixed-use areas, we recommend the following modifications to the preferred alternative to improve big game habitat effectiveness and the quality of traditional big game hunting and non-motorized recreation opportunities within these areas. Close and obliterate spur roads 1782/1768/2602 located on the rim of the Big Dominguez Canyon. This road does not access any wilderness trailheads or serve any other purpose we know of. We also do not understand why road 1756 was left open half way down the ridge instead of just closing the entire length of the route. This road should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585 as shown in the preferred alternative. We would also like to see road 1778/1727 down Wildhorse Draw closed to motorized vehicles and retained as a non-motorized trail. Closing this route to motorized vehicles would also enhance big game habitat effectiveness and provide a high quality backcountry hunting area.

## Route: 2603

### Segment: 3241

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 713

## Designation

## Current Designation

Foot/Horse

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 8 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2603

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2604

### Segment: 1374

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2604

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2605

### Segment: 1608

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2605

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2606

### Segment: 1673

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2606

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2608

### Segment: 1672

## Designation

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2608

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2609

#### Segment: 1707

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2609

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 261

#### Segment: 2482

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 261

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2610

### Segment: 1395

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Wilderness

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2610

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-64

• Page 99 Zone 1 in WildernessIn principle I support the position of limiting foot and horse travel to designated routes within Zone 1. However, I think some side trails need to be considered part of the designated route. - There are several cultural (some historic some prehistoric) that are worth getting a look that require a few steps away from the trail. For example the old coral and nearby structures are quite interesting and some of the rock art panels are on large boulders perpendicular to the trail. - The lower and upper waterfalls are nice places to sit and enjoy the sounds of the rushing water. Both spots are surrounded by exposed rock so make good sitting places. As part of a volunteer BLM work crew we cairned specific trails to the upper waterfall, so BLM is well aware of that trail.- Trail 2610 should be kept open to horse and foot and not closed. It should be extended in the inventory as it exists on the ground as a trail leading into Dry Fork canyon (a side canyon off Big D). The advantage of keeping this trail open is that it pulls some people away from the more heavily used Big D Canyon trail and it allows people to continue to enjoy this nice side canyon which is part of Zone 2. By directing some people away from the rest of Big D it works to protect the some of the cultural resources of Zone 1. I see from map 3-13 that special species exist at the bottom of Dry Fork canyon. Zone 1 could be continued an appropriate distance up this trail to ensure people stay on a designated trail. - I'm not quite sure what the BLM's expectations are for people seeking quick relief behind a bush. Will that be considered staying on the designated trail?- Consider the amazing adventure had by this blogger within Zone 1. Shouldn't other people continue to get to at least some of those nice water views? I think they should. <http://blog.bigskyconvection.com/2011/08/2011-april-6th-big-dominguez-creek.html>For years now everyone (or most everyone) has stayed on the East Side of the Creek in Little Dominguez Canyon for the mile of property occupied by Mr. Rambo. Once this restriction is no longer in place, it appears to me that there may be some opportunities for the creation of new side trails from Little Dominguez main trail, up to the mesa top to perhaps join with route 1493. How can people like me explore the viability of such possible new official trails if travel is limited to just 1457, 1486 and 1501 in the first part of Little Dominguez Canyon? I don't want to approach the BLM to build a trail unless I've hiked the area to satisfy myself that the hike is doable. Zone 1 should either end at the boundary where the current sign reads "Private Property Next 1 Mile..." or text should be added to indicate that "BLM, working with volunteers or partners, will examine the possibility of establishing side trails leading from Little Dominguez to the mesa to the west of Little Dominguez when Mr Rambo is not long maintaining his property lease."

• Page 101 Zone 2 trails and solitude support the objective for Zone 2 of "Wilderness Zone 2: Manage recreation to protect outstanding opportunities for solitude (defined as an average number of contacts per visit of 4 or fewer)." I believe a good way to achieve this objective is by having trails in Zone 2 that lead people away from the main Big Dominguez Canyon Trail. Therefore I don't think the management action on page 102 of "Construct new routes only when accompanied by a comparable number of route closures that improves opportunities for solitude." is the right approach. The majority of hikers stay on trails. Not only is this true because so many hikers have been trained to stay off cryptobiotic soil ("Don't bust the crust") but because most hikers are just more comfortable on a trail. They don't want to get lost, they believe the trail will take them to the interesting locations that they'd otherwise miss if they went cross country and many believe they are required to stay on trails. The majority of visitors to the Wilderness are going to access it from the Bridgeport Trail head. What better way to spread those visitors out then to provide multiple directions for them to go, which means multiple trails. The Dry Fork Canyon trail accessed from 2610 (or equivalent) would be one diversion. I know several people who enjoy hiking that canyon with their friends. A trail up the canyon to the north of the private bridge would be another diversion. That trail could join up to 1219, Triangle Mesa loop trail. I've hiked that canyon and then hiked the Triangle Mesa Loop and it was very interesting to see Big Dominguez Canyon from a fresh perspective. The BLM needs to work with the local landowner to have the "private property no trespassing signs" removed that are to the north of the private bridge (not the ones on the bridge, which is clearly private property), assuming that BLM can prove this is public land (see IMG\_5040). So I think the management action for Zone 2 should be to keep the trail density low but add trails in diverse directions to spread users away from other users and thus achieve the desired solitude. The current Alt E management action for trail construction in zone 2 is too inflexible.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-50

• Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments:Zone 1Route 2610: Quiet Trails Group would like to see 2610 kept open and extended to the edge of the Zone 1 boundary, especially as Zone 1 limits horse and foot traffic to designated routes. This route goes over to a great side canyon (Dry Fork) that is fun to explore and diverts people away from the over-loved main canyon trail.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-53

• [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2]Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would also suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, with a future possibility of connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. Route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-59

• Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (North) TMP-Level Comments:Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. This comment is predominantly related to Zone 2 of the Wilderness, however, as route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area we have also included this comment here

## Route: 2611

### Segment: 1617

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1620

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2611

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2612

### Segment: 596

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 3242

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2612

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171~2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." Id. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-49

- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

## Route: 2613

### Segment: 819

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 2613

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171~2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." Id. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-38

- Route number 2613. This needs to be changed to administrative route as it might be needed to rescue emergent [sic] cattle.

## Route: 2619

### Segment: 235

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 244

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2619

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-45

- Route numbers 2092, 2619, 2167. These need to go to open as they are access to private.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point,

Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 262

### Segment: 2488

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 262

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 2620

### Segment: 3252

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3255

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 187

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 3253

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2620

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-20

- Routes 2620 and 2128 near Kelso Creek should be closed to public access, kept open for private access only if necessary. To the east, spurs 2576 and 2129 should be closed and obliterated

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-44

- Route numbers 2095, 2174, and 2620. These are access between private and need to change from admin to open.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point,

Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2621

### Segment: 144

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2621

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 2622

### Segment: 3246

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3247

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2622

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-48

- Route numbers 2590, 2622, 2588. These need to be changed to admin routes and not closed as the lead to ponds and also emergency cattle rescue.

## Route: 2624

### Segment: 1460

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2624

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2625

#### Segment: 1468

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2625

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2626

#### Segment: 1548

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2626

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2627

### Segment: 1527

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2627

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2628

## Segment: 1461

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2628

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-222

- Route 2628 should be closed. I can see leaving the routes that lead to and include 1388 open as Admin/Permittee, as 1388 leads to a stock pond (which had water in it on Aug 4th 2013 IMG\_9799). But the eastern end of 2628 is on top of a narrow berm that has only had cows walking across it. The western end leads to nothing of worth from an Admin/Permittee perspective. 2628 should be closed.

## Route: 2629

### Segment: 1392

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2629

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 263

### Segment: 2476

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 263

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-199

- Page 905 Order of Trail workI don't support the position that work on SRMAs and the Wilderness should take priority over work in the ERMAs. I think the order of the work should be rotated equitably across the D-E NCA with adjustments for weather conditions and timing closures. I would suggest the following additions to list of 3 priority items - Routes that are slated to be closed because they lead to problematic "party-hard" areas with large trash and or graffiti. The road into the Rock Garden bouldering area off Hwy 141, for example needs closing as clean-up efforts are repeatedly undermined by the next round of partying. Routes 263, 271, 277, 286 (and their spurs) lead to another repeatedly trashed area that would benefit greatly from early closing. See photo IMG\_9696.- Routes that are currently leading to damage or threats to significant paleontological or geological resources.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-213

- 263-271-264-278-279-281-286 I support the closing of these routes. There is a terrible "party" location near 271 that has been left as a mess on too many occasions. Closing these off and rehabbing the area will be a benefit to all who enjoy nice landscapes.

## Route: 2630

### Segment: 1399

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2630

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2631

### Segment: 1341

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2631

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2632

### Segment: 1367

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2632

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2633

### Segment: 1391

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2633

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2634

### Segment: 1382

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 2634

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2635

### Segment: 1381

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2635

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2636

### Segment: 2514

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2636

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2637

### Segment: 2556

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2637

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2638

### Segment: 1598

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2638

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2639

### Segment: 1659

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2639

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 264

### Segment: 2480

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 264

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-213

- 263-271-264-278-279-281-286 I support the closing of these routes. There is a terrible "party" location near 271 that has been left as a mess on too many occasions. Closing these off and rehabbing the area will be a benefit to all who enjoy nice landscapes.

## Route: 2640

### Segment: 1638

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2640

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2641

### Segment: 1645

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 2641

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2642

#### Segment: 1609

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2642

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2643

#### Segment: 1478

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2643

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2644

### Segment: 1439

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2644

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2645

### Segment: 1156

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2645

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2646

### Segment: 1173

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 2646

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2647

### Segment: 1199

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2647

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 2648

### Segment: 1196

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2648

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2649

### Segment: 1235

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2649

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 265

### Segment: 2479

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 265

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2651

### Segment: 1249

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 1252

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1244

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2651

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-219

- Route 2651 not only goes past the stock pond but it has a section that is parallel to 1502. This route should lead only to the stock pond and not past it and it should not have a section parallel to 1502. One or the other should be closed for that parallel portion.

## Route: 2652

### Segment: 1245

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2652

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2653

### Segment: 1291

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2653

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2654

### Segment: 1282

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2654

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2657

#### Segment: 1284

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2657

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2658

#### Segment: 1289

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2658

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2659

### Segment: 1315

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 1317

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 1319

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2659

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 266

### Segment: 2475

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 266

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2660

### Segment: 1308

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2660

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2661

### Segment: 2483

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2661

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2662

### Segment: 1018

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 964

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 990

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2662

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2663

### Segment: 1087

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, SS Raptors – PSD&DA/TL 0.5 mile from nests

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2663

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-220

- Route 2663 leads to a stock pond, but then the bulk of it parallels 15 and should be closed. Given that not all stock ponds in the NCA have roads leading to them, is it really necessary to keep these other stock pond roads open? For example the pond at 12 S 712030 4295897 has no documented road leading to it. Is that stock pond no longer needed?

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

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## Route: 2664

### Segment: 1064

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2664

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

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## Route: 2665

### Segment: 1232

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2665

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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## Route: 2666

### Segment: 1233

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2666

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 2667

### Segment: 2839

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2667

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2668

### Segment: 2848

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2668

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2669

### Segment: 2730

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2669

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 267

### Segment: 2477

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 267

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2670

### Segment: 1541

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2670

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2671

### Segment: 1542

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2671

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2672

## Segment: 1546

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2672

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2673

### Segment: 1549

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2673

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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## Route: 2674

### Segment: 1553

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2674

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-35

- Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler Mountain The following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails. For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513 , 1249, 1269. Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

## Route: 2675

### Segment: 1642

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2675

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2676

### Segment: 1644

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2676

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2677

### Segment: 1655

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2677

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2678

### Segment: 1797

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 2678

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2679

### Segment: 2227

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2679

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 268

### Segment: 2510

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 268

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2682

### Segment: 1989

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2682

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 2683

### Segment: 1009

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2683

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2684

### Segment: 1079

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2684

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2685

### Segment: 1149

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2685

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2686

### Segment: 1176

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 2686

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2687

### Segment: 1240

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 2687

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 269

#### Segment: 2474

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 269

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 2691

#### Segment: 669

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2691

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171~2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. In addition, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-49

- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

## Route: 2692

### Segment: 597

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 2692

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2698

### Segment: 708

#### Designation

Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils -PSD slopes >40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2698

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 27

### Segment: 2812

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 27

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 270

### Segment: 2473

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 270

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2700

### Segment: 385

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 396

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: 2700

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 2701

### Segment: 716

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 2701

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 271

### Segment: 2472

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 271

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-199

- Page 905 Order of Trail work I don't support the position that work on SRMAs and the Wilderness should take priority over work in the ERMAs. I think the order of the work should be rotated equitably across the D-E NCA with adjustments for weather conditions and timing closures. I would suggest the following additions to list of 3 priority items - Routes that are slated to be closed because they lead to problematic "party-hard" areas with large trash and or graffiti. The road into the Rock Garden bouldering area off Hwy 141, for example needs closing as clean-up efforts are repeatedly undermined by the next round of partying. Routes 263, 271, 277, 286 (and their spurs) lead to another repeatedly trashed area that would benefit greatly from early closing. See photo IMG\_9696.- Routes that are currently leading to damage or threats to significant paleontological or geological resources.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-213

- 263-271-264-278-279-281-286 I support the closing of these routes. There is a terrible "party" location near 271 that has been left as a mess on too many occasions. Closing these off and rehabbing the area will be a benefit to all who enjoy nice landscapes.

## Route: 272

### Segment: 2508

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 272

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

### Route: 273

#### Segment: 2469

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 273

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 274

#### Segment: 2460

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 274

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 275

### Segment: 2465

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 275

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 276

### Segment: 2511

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 276

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 277

### Segment: 2462

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 277

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-199

- Page 905 Order of Trail workI don't support the position that work on SRMAs and the Wilderness should take priority over work in the ERMAs. I think the order of the work should be rotated equitably across the D-E NCA with adjustments for weather conditions and timing closures. I would suggest the following additions to list of 3 priority items - Routes that are slated to be closed because they lead to problematic "party-hard" areas with large trash and or graffiti. The road into the Rock Garden bouldering area off Hwy 141, for example needs closing as clean-up efforts are repeatedly undermined by the next round of partying. Routes 263, 271, 277, 286 (and their spurs) lead to another repeatedly trashed area that would benefit greatly from early closing. See photo IMG\_9696.- Routes that are currently leading to damage or threats to significant paleontological or geological resources.

## Route: 278

### Segment: 2466

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 278

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-213

- 263-271-264-278-279-281-286 I support the closing of these routes. There is a terrible "party" location near 271 that has been left as a mess on too many occasions. Closing these off and rehabbing the area will be a benefit to all who enjoy nice landscapes.

## Route: 279

### Segment: 2453

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 279

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-213

- 263-271-264-278-279-281-286 I support the closing of these routes. There is a terrible "party" location near 271 that has been left as a mess on too many occasions. Closing these off and rehabbing the area will be a benefit to all who enjoy nice landscapes.

## Route: 28

### Segment: 2811

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 28

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 280

### Segment: 2461

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 280

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 281

### Segment: 2452

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 281

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-213

- 263-271-264-278-279-281-286 I support the closing of these routes. There is a terrible "party" location near 271 that has been left as a mess on too many occasions. Closing these off and rehabbing the area will be a benefit to all who enjoy nice landscapes.

### Route: 282

#### Segment: 2470

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

### Public Comments On Route: 282

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 283

#### Segment: 2500

#### Designation

**Current Designation**

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 283

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 284

#### Segment: 2464

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 284

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 285

#### Segment: 2471

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 285

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 286

### Segment: 2451

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 286

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-199

- Page 905 Order of Trail workI don't support the position that work on SRMAs and the Wilderness should take priority over work in the ERMAs. I think the order of the work should be rotated equitably across the D-E NCA with adjustments for weather conditions and timing closures. I would suggest the following additions to list of 3 priority items - Routes that are slated to be closed because they lead to problematic "party-hard" areas with large trash and or graffiti. The road into the Rock Garden bouldering area off Hwy 141, for example needs closing as clean-up efforts are repeatedly undermined by the next round of partying. Routes 263, 271, 277, 286 (and their spurs) lead to another repeatedly trashed area that would benefit greatly from early closing. See photo IMG\_9696.- Routes that are currently leading to damage or threats to significant paleontological or geological resources.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-213

- 263-271-264-278-279-281-286 I support the closing of these routes. There is a terrible "party" location near 271 that has been left as a mess on too many occasions. Closing these off and rehabbing the area will be a benefit to all who enjoy nice landscapes.

## Route: 287

### Segment: 2446

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 287

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 288

### Segment: 2441

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 288

- Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 289

### Segment: 2458

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 289

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 29

### Segment: 2810

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 29

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 290

### Segment: 2454

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 2459

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 290

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 291

## Segment: 2445

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 291

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 292

## Segment: 2442

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 292

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 293

### Segment: 2450

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 293

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 294

### Segment: 2506

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 294

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 295

### Segment: 2435

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 295

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 296

### Segment: 2431

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 296

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 297

### Segment: 2449

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 297

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 298

### Segment: 2455

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50' wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 298

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 299

### Segment: 2432

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 299

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3

### Segment: 1034

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Foot/Horse

Alternative B: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative C: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative D: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 30

### Segment: 2814

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C: Foot/Horse

Alternative D: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 30

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 300

#### Segment: 2433

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 300

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 3000

#### Segment: 1802

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3000

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3001

### Segment: 85

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3001

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3002

### Segment: 87

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3002

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3003

### Segment: 426

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3003

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and

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## Route: 3004

### Segment: 414

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3004

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3005

### Segment: 3047

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Paleo

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 338

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Paleo

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3005

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3006

### Segment: 100

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3006

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-67

• [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments: Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Route 2024: We support closing 2024 as it appears to be a duplicative route. The surrounding routes 2578-3006-2232-2231 and 2579-3108-2210-2344 connect to Forest Service trails. If there are cattle or other uses for this road not shown on the map, we would support an administrative designation. Otherwise we would like to see 2024 closed to reduce route density in the area because of the presence of big game. We also see that these routes stop at the Dry Fork LWC unit; we would urge the BLM to make sure there is a topographical or physical barrier to stop motorized access into the LWC. Please put signage back at the Forest Boundary that the routes dead-end ahead.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-24

• Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635,

624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3007

### Public Comments On Route: 3007

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3008

### Segment: 373

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move road to prevent conflict with private property.

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMA Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 3008

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3009

### Segment: 356

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3009

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 301

### Segment: 2444

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 301

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 3011

### Segment: 448

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
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- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high

- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, SS Veg Communities – SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC- Escalante-SSR

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect sensitive plant, fish, and wildlife resources in the Escalante Canyon ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3011

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-6

• Escalante Canyon: Roads numbered 3070, 3071 should remain open and 3011 should be reopened and all others should remain open for campsites. Road number 3158 is not even listed on Alt. E, but should remain open. I would also state that closing all the small campsites along the canyon road from the river and for the next 16 miles (not including private land) is not necessary or a good idea. I absolutely do not support any plan to make a paid camp ground in that area. Part of the beauty of going there is the various sites available for those of us wishing to escape next door neighbors

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 - 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. I'd. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I'd. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-42

• Route numbers 3070 and 3011. Needs to be left open or to administrative route for cattle emergencies.

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## Route: 3013

### Segment: 240

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3013

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## Route: 3014

### Segment: 3041

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 423

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
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- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3014

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3015

### Segment: 213

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3015

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3016

### Segment: 3010

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Cultural
- Interpretation
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3032

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 3008

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian 31 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3016

Organization, commenter: COHVCO, James Solomon  
/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Comment ID: 000000065-19

• There is currently 12 miles of single track trail on the South end of the Hunting ground that starts at Escalante Canyon Road. This trail as depicted in Alternative (D) appears to be designated Bicycle. This trail should be designated motorized single track as well. It is used by riders from Montrose, Delta, and the Grand Valley. This area has great potential for further trail development because a motorcycle needs about 35-50 miles of trail, depending on the difficulty of the terrain. The terrain in this area is of a rolling moderated difficulty, therefore a need to add trail and tighten up the existing trail to slow the riders down.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-210

• 4000-3016-3040-3043-2423 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this Mtn Bike, Horse and Foot only. It would be a component of the Mtn Bike long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta. Part of it is also used for horseback riding events. There are great dramatic views looking down the cliffs at the Gunnison far below. Walking along this route gives me the time to contemplate the grandeur of the area, from the mighty power of water carving canyons over thousands of years, to the contrast of the snow-capped Mesa to the east. It is great to experience the winds of spring that mark the changing of the seasons in a quiet setting, so having this route be non-motorized is important to me.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 3017

### Segment: 3214

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas

- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3017

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3018

### Segment: 841

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3018

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3019

### Segment: 627

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 628

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3019

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 302

### Segment: 2440

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 302

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

- Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 3020

### Segment: 621

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3020

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3021

### Segment: 635

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3021

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3022

### Segment: 619

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3022

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3023

### Segment: 620

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3023

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3024

### Segment: 616

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3024

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3025

### Segment: 599

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Bighorn Sheep

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 613

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3025

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3026

### Segment: 583

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Bighorn Sheep

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3026

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, . 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

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## Route: 3027

### Segment: 569

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3027

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 303

### Segment: 2456

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 303

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3030

### Segment: 774

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3030

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3031

### Segment: 127

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Possible new alignment for 2260, 3001, 3002, 2258, 2254, 3109, etc.

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3031

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3032

### Segment: 611

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3032

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3033

### Segment: 701

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3033

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3035

### Segment: 677

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3035

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3036

### Segment: 684

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3036

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3037

### Segment: 674

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3037

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3038

### Segment: 340

#### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3038

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3039

### Segment: 328

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3039

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 304

### Segment: 2430

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 304

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3040

### Segment: 1177

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3040

Organization, commenter: COHVCO, James Solomon

Comment ID: 00000065-19

### /Mechanized/Motorcycle

• There is currently 12 miles of single track trail on the South end of the Hunting ground that starts at Escalante Canyon Road. This trail as depicted in Alternative (D) appears to be designated Bicycle. This trail should be designated motorized single track as well. It is used by riders from Montrose, Delta, and the Grand Valley. This area has great potential for further trail development because a motorcycle needs about 35-50 miles of trail, depending on the difficulty of the terrain. The terrain in this area is of a rolling moderated difficulty, therefore a need to add trail and tighten up the existing trail to slow the riders down.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-210

• 4000-3016-3040-3043-2423 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this Mtn Bike, Horse and Foot only. It would be a component of the Mtn Bike long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta. Part of it is also used for horseback riding events. There are great dramatic views looking down the cliffs at the Gunnison far below. Walking along this route gives me the time to contemplate the grandeur of the area, from the mighty power of water carving canyons over thousands of years, to the contrast of the snow-capped Mesa to the east. It is great to experience the winds of spring that mark the changing of the seasons in a quiet setting, so having this route be non-motorized is important to me.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-77

• Routes 3040, 4000: We understand that BLM has flagged this trail for ATV use, and QTG would like to see this Route reverted back to its historic use as a single track route, and limited to horse, foot, and bike. We believe this would add to the experience of a possible long distance connector trail, because it gives people the opportunity to get away from the saltbrush along the Highway and instead gives the pleasant opportunity to travel along the rim

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 000000130-9

• Trail Number(s): 3040/3043Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring in a fullsize 4WDWhy you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):Scenic viewsBenefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun route to explore via jeep.Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

## Route: 3041

### Segment: 1110

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3041

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3042

### Segment: 1095

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact

- SMA's Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3042

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3043

### Segment: 1111

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3043

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-210

- 4000-3016-3040-3043-2423 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this Mtn Bike, Horse and Foot only. It would be a component of the Mtn Bike long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta. Part of it is also used for horseback riding events. There are great dramatic views looking down the cliffs at the Gunnison far below. Walking along this route gives me the time to contemplate the grandeur of the area, from the mighty power of water carving canyons over thousands of years, to the contrast of the snow-capped Mesa to the east. It is great to experience the winds of spring that mark the changing of the seasons in a quiet setting, so having this route be non-motorized is important to me.

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-9

- Trail Number(s): 3040/3043Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring in a fullsize 4WDWhy you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):Scenic viewsBenefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun route to explore via jeep.Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

- Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim

Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 3044

### Segment: 1096

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3044

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3045

### Segment: 1070

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3045

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3046

### Segment: 1021

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3046

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3047

### Segment: 295

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Paleo

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impat
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3047

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3048

### Segment: 921

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** VRM – maintain quality, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3048

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr.

Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171~2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." Id. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-35

- Route number 3048. These two little roads access private and corrals and need to be left open.

## Route: 305

### Segment: 2428

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 305

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3050

### Segment: 1579

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3050

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3051

### Segment: 1643

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3051

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-2

- On the Preferred Alternative E, I would like to make two suggestions on routes that have either been temporarily closed or access restricted. The first route is on the Hunting Grounds. It is the route that takes you to the dedication site for the NCA. It's an incredible overlook of the Gunnison River, the Loretta House and the Big Dominguez Canyon. The route numbers involved are: 2163, 2164, 3051, 461, 454 and 450. I understand this is proposed as a temporary closure for the preservation of cultural resources. But, instead of closing the routes until the resources can be protected, why not leave it open until funding, man power, etc. are obtained. Then only close the route for the short time it would take to actually do the work needed. This would eliminate the route being closed for an indefinite period of time.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Penny Hills

Comment ID: 000000256-1

- Gunnison River, especially the Bridgeport area has special meaning for me. I love to just watch the river, then weather for the wildlife- The eagles if I am lucky, and the them the owls to hawks, always the hawks that occupy their own world and spaces, as I do, when I'm, there. Of course the old farming area is interring and lands its own peaceful charm, summer, spring and fall.2) It's a close to home ( I live in GJ) and yet is a far away place, a long ago place, a peacefully place to re-create the soul. It is good to take the trail along the river look down on it, and up the canyon, Escalante to Dominguez. I do not need to go to the canyon, I can see and imagine them, especially on the quiet stretches of trail

## Route: 3052

### Segment: 704

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3052

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3053

### Segment: 736

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3053

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1726, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3054

### Segment: 653

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3054

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3055

### Segment: 641

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3055

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3057

### Segment: 578

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - Bighorn Sheep

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3057

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692,

1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3058

### Segment: 560

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3058

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3059

### Segment: 546

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Soils - SSR slopes 25-40%
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3059

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 306

### Segment: 2438

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 306

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 3060

#### Segment: 535

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 3060

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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## Route: 3061

### Segment: 534

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

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## Route: 3062

### Segment: 491

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3062

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3063

### Segment: 484

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3063

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3064

### Segment: 579

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3064

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3065

### Segment: 482

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3065

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3066

### Segment: 477

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3066

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3067

### Segment: 475

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 3067

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 3068

#### Segment: 474

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 3068

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 3069

#### Segment: 462

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC- Escalante-SSR

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect sensitive plant, fish, and wildlife resources in the Escalante Canyon ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3069

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 307

### Segment: 2425

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 307

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3070

### Segment: 458

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, SS Veg Communities – SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC- Escalante-SSR

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect sensitive plant, fish, and wildlife resources in the Escalante Canyon ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3070

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-6

- Escalante Canyon: Roads numbered 3070, 3071 should remain open and 3011 should be reopened and all others should remain open for campsites. Road number 3158 is not even listed on Alt. E, but should remain open. I would also state that closing all the small campsites along the canyon road from the river and for the next 16 miles (not including private land) is not necessary or a good idea. I absolutely do not support any plan to make a paid camp ground in that area. Part of the beauty of going there is the various sites available for those of us wishing to escape next door neighbors

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

- Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2109, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

- IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENTMr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in thearea in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross publicland. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course ofmanaging his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to publicmotorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and privatelands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access toprotect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation.Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e.Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and waterdiversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage andoperate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwiserestricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize thesehistoric uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have beenincorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows:Routes460, 1220,1243,1245,2003,2053,2073,2086,2089,2121,2122,2126,2156,2166,2168,2171~2172,2177,2180,2336,2342,2354,2408,2412,2445,2581,2582,2583,2585,2587,2588,2590,2591,2593,2595,2596,2598,2599,2612,2613,2622,2691,3011,3048,3070,3131,3141,and3158.See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that itextends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional2-3 miles, and likewiseRoute 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River atthe Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct theseerrors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-42

- Route numbers 3070 and 3011. Needs to be left open or to administrative route for cattle emergencies.

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3071

### Segment: 444

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Escalante Canyon ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, SS Veg Communities – SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC- Escalante-SSR

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect sensitive plant, fish, and wildlife resources in the Escalante Canyon ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 3071

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-6

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3072

### Segment: 440

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3072

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3073

### Segment: 402

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3073

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3074

### Segment: 299

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3074

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3056, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345,

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3075

### Segment: 271

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3075

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3076

### Segment: 269

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3076

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3077

### Segment: 266

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3077

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black

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## Route: 3078

### Segment: 273

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3078

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3079

### Segment: 268

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – Close and rehab --wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3079

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

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## Route: 308

### Segment: 2439

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 308

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3080

## Segment: 177

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3080

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3081

### Segment: 175

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3081

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3082

### Segment: 222

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3082

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3083

### Segment: 174

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites
- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect geologic and paleontologic resources.
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3083

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

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## Route: 3084

### Segment: 165

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3084

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3085

### Segment: 168

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 3085

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 3086

### Segment: 157

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
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- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3086

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-225

- 2004 and 3086 in the KML version don't connect with the county road at their intersection, guessing they do in reality.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-23

- Dry Mesa Road Dry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas. Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3087

### Segment: 162

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3087

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3088

### Segment: 166

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3088

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3089

### Segment: 147

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3089

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 309

### Segment: 2418

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 309

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 3090

#### Segment: 93

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 3090

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3091

### Segment: 594

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3091

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3092

### Segment: 587

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3092

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3093

### Segment: 258

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3093

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3094

### Segment: 80

#### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- Maintenance
- Steep slope

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3094

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-24

• Black Point Draw/Black Point Three routes between Dry Mesa and the CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park are redundant and unnecessarily fragmenting. 2579-2210-2344 is recently pioneered and should be closed immediately, along with its spurs 2136, 2209, 2208 and 3094. These encroach on a relatively wild Escalante Creek canyon and have had no traditional or long-term use or purpose. 2024 and 3006 are parallel and duplicative, provide the same experience as each other, and should be reduced to one route. The BLM should decide which route is the least damaging, and disturbing to wildlife, and easiest to enforce, and close the other one

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3095

### Segment: 329

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3095

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 3096

### Segment: 397

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3096

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-15

• Sowbelly RidgeRoute 2537, 3096, 2182 2179, 3143 along Sowbelly Ridge dead ends at the wilderness and should be closed to ATVs, but possibly kept open for 4WD hunting access and horse back use, to preserve nonmotorized hunting opportunities and its remote setting, in accordance with the guidance above

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-20

• We also request that the BLM reconsider leaving road 2181 open to motorized vehicles. We feel that this road in Tatum Ridge should be converted to a non-motorized trail at the junction with road 3096 to provide additional opportunities for backcountry hunting. A trailhead could be designated here at the head of Ridge to accommodate a few vehicles.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 3097

### Segment: 1447

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3097

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3098

### Segment: 1486

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Potential connection to 2062.

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes

- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3098

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-226

• 2426, 2427 My husband and I hiked down this route. With the curves in the canyon, it makes it a fun hike as you wonder what will be around the corner. The reward for the hike was getting down to the river. I can see the mountain bikers would enjoy these routes too and they could be part of the long-distance mountain biking trail being considered between Whitewater and Delta. Route 3098 looked like a great place to come back to explore, another appealing twisty canyon.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 3099

### Segment: 110

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3099

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-22

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## Route: 31

### Segment: 2808

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 31

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 310

### Segment: 2413

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 310

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 3100

#### Segment: 228

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Verify if reroute is needed or a connection

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 3100

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3101

### Segment: 122

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3101

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3102

### Segment: 1702

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3102

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3103

### Segment: 1352

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3103

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3104

### Segment: 138

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 3104

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-22

• Little Mesa spurs Numerous damaging and randomly created spurs and loops branch off from Little Mesa Road, 2026-2025-2187 and should be closed. These include 2059, 2188, 2190, 3100, 2191, 2192, 2197, 2198, 3104, 3099, 3104. If some of these would make a link between Little Mesa and Dry Mesa, there should be one route only and it should be a full size vehicle 4WD route rather than an ATV route. Full-size vehicles are the traditional use of this county, whereas ATVs introduce a new, noisy, "go-anywhere," unenforceable use that is incompatible with the traditional rugged, remote and solitary setting of this area

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

• Dry Mesa Road Dry Mesa Road similarly has numerous parallel and duplicative routes and loops that are severely and unnecessarily fragmenting what has been a relatively intact habitat area. This spiderweb of routes did not exist a few years ago and should not be legitimized, just because new mobile technologies have the ability to get into these areas. Needing closure and obliteration specifically are routes 3105, 3104 2199, 2200, 2004, 2206, 2109, 2112, 2110, 2111, 3086, 2203, 2058, 2204, 2023. Effective closure and obliteration of these purposeless, randomly-created routes is necessary to restore the integrity of what was until recently a wild and remote landscape

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3105

### Segment: 137

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 3105

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-23

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## Route: 3106

### Segment: 659

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Public Comments On Route: 3106

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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#### Route: 3107

##### Segment: 102

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 3107

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-224

- 3107 Shouldn't some part of this route be left open as Admin/Permittee as it provides access to a catchment facility?

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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#### Route: 3108

## Segment: 71

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3108

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-67

- [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:] Route 2024: We support closing 2024 as it appears to be a duplicative route. The surrounding routes 2578-3006-2232-2231 and 2579-3108-2210-2344 connect to Forest Service trails. If there are cattle or other uses for this road not shown on the map, we would support an administrative designation. Otherwise we would like to see 2024 closed to reduce route density in the area because of the presence of big game.We also see that these routes stop at the Dry Fork LWC unit; we would urge the BLM to make sure there is a topographical or physical barrier to stop motorized access into the LWC. Please put signage back at the Forest Boundary that the routes dead-end ahead.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3109

### Segment: 126

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3109

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 311

### Segment: 2427

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 311

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-71

• Routes 239, 272, 280: These routes should be designated as ATV unless there is a resource issue with leaving these open. We anticipate that quiet trail users will use these routes to access 297, 311, etc from the parking at the end of Bean Ranch Road as it is more direct than going the longer way around via 293, 292, 288, 302, etc

## Route: 3110

## Segment: 2986

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3110

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3112

### Segment: 283

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3112

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3113

### Segment: 217

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3113

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3114

### Segment: 178

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3114

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3115

### Segment: 205

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3115

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 3116

### Segment: 171

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3116

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173.The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3117

### Segment: 149

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3117

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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## Route: 312

### Segment: 2416

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 312

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3123

### Segment: 69

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3123

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3124

### Segment: 66

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3124

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3125

### Segment: 59

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3125

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3126

### Segment: 57

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3126

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272, 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3127

### Segment: 132

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3127

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3128

### Segment: 331

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – Close and rehab --wincon, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3128

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

• Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficulty to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3129

### Segment: 313

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3129

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-118

• Pages 144-145 Cottonwood Canyon / Dry Fork From studying the maps for Bighorn Sheep (map 3-11), the Special Status Plant Species Map and the Alt E designated Route Map, I see that if the Cottonwood Canyon portion of the Cottonwood Canyon / Dry Fork SRMA were expanded in the NE corner to be bounded by Sawmill Mesa Rd, the D-E NCA boundary and 25 Mesa Road, this would involve no changes in proposed motorized/mechanized route designations but would help protect a Bighorn Sheep Winter Concentration (map 3-11) and two more populations of Colorado Hookless Cactus (map 3-13). The proposed Admin routes would stay as Admin routes and only route 3129 would need to be cherry-stemmed to allow for a parking/staging area for horse/foot access. I support this small expansion of Cottonwood Canyon / Dry Fork SRMA. This would be a great contribution towards protecting two D-E NCA key species. As an added bonus it would protect some prairie dog habitat (map 3-14).

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 313

### Segment: 2408

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 313

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-72

- Routes 331, 330, 313: QTG supports the idea of keeping these trails open to motorized use as it leads to an excellent dispersed camping site

## Route: 3130

### Segment: 282

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3130

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3131

### Segment: 598

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3131

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 00000171-7

- IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171-2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. FinaUy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-49

- Route numbers 2691 and 2612, 2581, 2583, 2585, 3131, 2595, 2591, 2587. Needs to be changed to admin route for cattle purposes of emergency.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can

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## Route: 3132

### Segment: 1428

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, SS Raptors – PSD&DA/TL 0.5 mile from nests

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect special status raptor nest sites

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3132

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3133

### Segment: 1418

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, SS Raptors – PSD&DA/TL 0.5 mile from nests

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect special status raptor nest sites

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3133

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 3134

### Segment: 1360

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3134

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenacek

Comment ID: 00000130-8

• Trail Number(s): 2430/3134/2553 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Mild to moderate Jeeping/exploring and enjoying the scenery. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Click here to enter text. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This is a fun, moderately challenging Jeep route. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD

## Route: 3135

### Segment: 52

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing
- Steep slope

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement

- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3135

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3138

### Segment: 68

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3138

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272, 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3139

### Segment: 1062

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3139

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-178

• Given that the pronghorn winter concentration (map 3-15) overlaps with soils areas that are "not meeting" land health standards, could it be that if the area around the current winter concentration was closed to motorized/mechanized travel during the winter months (Nov April) that the pronghorn might naturally gravitate to the surrounding healthier land (slightly healthier)? I believe it would be a worthwhile experiment. The result might be a stronger pronghorn population. Routes 3139, 2323 and 3140 appear to be right beside the winter area and it might be helpful to the pronghorn population to close them. The County might be willing to consider a winter closure of their road on the north side of the area, as it might have two benefits the economic draw of watchable wildlife from a larger pronghorn population and saving maintenance from mud damages to their road.

## Route: 314

### Segment: 2503

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 11 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 314

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3140

### Segment: 1057

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3140

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-178

Given that the pronghorn winter concentration (map 3-15) overlaps with soils areas that are "not meeting" land health standards, could it be that if the area around the current winter concentration was closed to motorized/mechanized travel during the winter months (Nov-April) that the pronghorn might naturally gravitate to the surrounding healthier land (slightly healthier)? I believe it would be a worthwhile experiment. The result might be a stronger pronghorn population. Routes 3139, 2323 and 3140 appear to be right beside the winter area and it might be helpful to the pronghorn population to close them. The County might be willing to consider a winter closure of their road on the north side of the area, as it might have two benefits the economic draw of watchable wildlife from a larger pronghorn population and saving maintenance from mud damages to their road.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 3141

### Segment: 983

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3141

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 - 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I d. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

## Route: 3143

### Segment: 486

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3143

Organization, commenter: Widefield School District 3, Terry Kimber

Comment ID: 000000046-2

• Road 2166: (Bad Point Rd) The Wilderness area has cut off this road only mile from the end of the road. This is a law enforcement nightmare. Let's not do that again in the NCA. Road 2166 in option E is ATV only to that point but can be driven by vehicle down to the big rock hill safely and easily. This location is called Jerry's Hole. One of our favorite hunting spots when there is water or weather. I recommend making the trail ATV only from that point rather than from road 2089. Road 2089: This road is seldom used yes but is very necessary to retrieve downed game from the back of Jerry's Hole. I recommend that a downed game by ATV designation for this and many other of the trails and roads that are proposed to be closed in the areas where hunting is a significant factor from August to November. Road 3143: (Sowbelly Ridge) Should be designated Downed Game ATV to the border of the wilderness area.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

• Sowbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-15

• Sowbelly Ridge Route 2537, 3096, 2182 2179, 3143 along Sowbelly Ridge dead ends at the wilderness and should be closed to ATVs, but possibly kept open for 4WD hunting access and horse back use, to preserve nonmotorized hunting opportunities and its remote setting, in accordance with the guidance above

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3144

### Segment: 459

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3144

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3145

### Segment: 417

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3145

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-1

• Sowlbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-4

• Escalante Rd/Dry Mesa Rd, Sawmill Mesa Rd & 25 Mesa Rd areas: Due to hunting access use, and OHV recreation, I would like to see trail #'s 2166, 2168 & 2122, which are currently open to atv use, remain open to access as they currently are today. Other trails I'd like to see remain open as currently are, for same purposes, are #2169, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181. These roads & trails are important to hunting access. Between Dry Mesa Rd & Sawmill Mesa Rd, I'd like for trails #'s 2243, 2244, 2248, 2249 and 2136 to remain open for atv use, as they currently are. These trails provide alternative route vs. having to travel on the main access roadways (Sawmill Mesa or Dry Mesa) and provide unique OHV recreation value for the activity I love to participate in. Alternative B & E designate these for horse and foot traffic and I'd like to see them remain open to atv activity as they currently are today. Trail # 2006, 2299, 2298, 2297 are slated for closure in Alt's B & E, but perhaps those would make a good horse/foot route vs. closure.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-16

• Loop 2178 and spur 3145 need to be closed and obliterated as duplicative, user-created and serving no purpose. Dense networks of ATV trails have already been designated in portions of the GJFO such as North Desert and Bangs Canyon where they are much better located near urban centers. Permanently designating ATVs routes in these remote areas will downgrade the quiet and solitude needed by wildlife and by quiet users fleeing an increasingly noisy and urbanized society

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowlbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez-Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3146

### Segment: 1058

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3146

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3147

### Segment: 1045

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3147

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3148

### Segment: 1050

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3148

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 3149

### Segment: 756

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3149

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 315

### Segment: 2434

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 315

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3150

### Segment: 750

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3150

Organization, commenter: Desert Ecosystem Analysis and Restoration, Eric Rechel

Comment ID: 000000109-10

- Need to close roads that approach prairie dog colonies or make them administrative or have seasonal closures, i.e., in the spring. Examples are roads 2350 and 2349 in the Hunting ground and road 3140

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3152

### Segment: 754

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 3152

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3153

### Segment: 758

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3153

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3154

### Segment: 99

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3154

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-25

• Sawmill Mesa Moving south to the CDOW parcel, the BLM should work with the BLM to close numerous user-created routes in the Sawmill Mesa, Grade Gulch and Mud Springs area. The CDOW road leading north east to Cactus Park has numerous random, unplanned spurs and duplicative routes branching off, which need to be closed. Only the main, historically-used arteries should remain open to preserve these remote vistas and natural soundscapes. Routes to be closed and obliterated are: 2273=2139-2696; 2141, 3138, 3135, along with other spurs off the Peach Orchard Point Road 2270, including 3126, 2271, 2272. 2270 all of which should be closed to maintain silent open space quality of this point. Other routes needing closure off the CDOW road are: 2261, 2259, 3002, 3090, 2260, 2051, 2258, 2259, 3154, 2233, 2263, 2254, 3031, 3109, 2134, 2255, 2257, 2250,

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3155

### Segment: 464

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3155

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3156

### Segment: 460

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3156

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness.Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources.As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use.The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles.What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures.All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3157

### Segment: 588

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 6 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3157

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3158

### Segment: 265

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3158

Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 00000091-6

• Escalante Canyon: Roads numbered 3070, 3071 should remain open and 3011 should be reopened and all others should remain open for campsites. Road number 3158 is not even listed on Alt. E, but should remain open. I would also state that closing all the small campsites along the canyon road from the river and for the next 16 miles (not including private land) is not necessary or a good idea. I absolutely do not support any plan to make a paid camp ground in that area. Part of the beauty of going there is the various sites available for those of us wishing to escape next door neighbors

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closuresFragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117,2114, 2365,3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490 3171, 2099, 3070 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409.Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370.Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to protect public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N -1 e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171 ~ 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. Id. Fina Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." Id. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 00000192-43

- Route number 3158. Cannot be closed a citizen access to irrigation structures as well as the little closed road close to it without any number.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3159

### Segment: 586

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3159

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 316

### Segment: 2426

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 316

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3160

### Segment: 567

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3160

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 3161

### Segment: 573

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3161

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3162

### Segment: 528

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

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## Public Comments On Route: 3162

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Karen Green

Comment ID: 000000091-1

• Sowlbelly Ridge: This is an area which my family and I have hunted for decades. We are meat hunters, not sport hunters, and depend on the elk, deer and bear meat we get to supplement our food supply through the winter. It has become increasingly difficult to get to where the animals are because of roads which have already been closed. I would ask that roads numbered 2571, 2597, 2598, 2601, 3162, 2089, and 2166 remain open. We need roads to help in game retrieval. This area is usually still "t-shirt" weather in October when we hunt, which means very warm temperatures. If an animal is left for too long in that weather, it will spoil if it isn't skinned, gutted and transported as soon as possible to a meat locker. We typically get the meat out of the back country where it was killed and get it to camp to hang overnight and then immediately take it to GJ to a meat locker. We don't "road hunt"; we take our ATVs to the edge our hunting area and then start walking usually all day and for many miles. Even if we are lucky enough to get our game, none of us, even young, strong guys, can carry more than a quarter of an elk at a time very far, as has been suggested. This would mean 4 trips to carry an animal out and it can't be done before the meat spoils. So which law should we break? The law that says you can't use an ATV on an existing road to retrieve game or the law that says you can't waste meat without facing a stiff fine? These roads are currently open and I ask that they remain open for game retrieval using ATVs: 2168, 2122, 2121, 2169 & 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143 and 2181.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-4

• we appreciate the route closures in the preferred alternative. However, as you will see in our attached 2011 route-specific comments, we are concerned about the routes left open in the draft TMP that we and others had recommended for closure, in particular: o The two ATV trails (Numbers 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) in the Dominguez Addition Unit that need to be closed a) to protect this unit and b) to prevent the likelihood of incursions into the Dominguez wilderness, due to remote, unmanageable and unenforceable terrain. o Palmer Gulch road #2169/2170, needs to be closed. o Road #2181 needs to be closed to OHVs. o 1778/1727 o 1782/1768/2602 in Sawmill Mesa and Wagon Park zonos 1756 should be closed at the junction with 1758, and include closure of roads 1593 and 1585

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-5

• Manage Gunnison Slopes Unit and Dominguez Addition Unit as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics ERMA status for Gunnison Slopes is a good start, but it needs the additional protection as a LWC as well. Dominguez Addition also needs to be included as a LWC, and the two ATV routes currently open in the preferred Alternative (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) definitively closed to maintain this area's wild character

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-18

• Comments on Travel Management Plan The following comments are based upon my review of the Map of Route by Route Designations for Alternative E (Map N-1E) in relationship to the resource management goals and objectives of the NCA. As previously stated, we are concerned that wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities.

Organization, commenter: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Craig Grother

Comment ID: 000000156-4

• Two other units with wilderness characteristics occur within the D-E NCA that are not included within the preferred alternative. Wilderness characteristics within the Gunnison Slopes Unit appear to have been largely protected through management of this area as an ERMA that would emphasize equestrian and hiking trail activities and dispersed camping. This management strategy seems reasonable to provide camping opportunities along the Gunnison River to accommodate boating use on the river while maintaining an overall primitive setting. However, wilderness characteristics within the Dominguez Addition Unit would be highly impacted by the preferred alternative through the inclusion of two ATV trails within the Unit. Both of these ATV trails are currently low-standard two-track roads that extend into the Dominguez Wilderness. The preferred alternative would restrict the use of these roads to ATV's and the trails would theoretically dead end at the Wilderness boundary. Even if ATV riders did respect the Wilderness boundary, these motorized trails would degrade the wilderness values of the Dominguez Addition Unit. For this reason we are recommending that these two roads (roads 3162/2089/2166, and 2596/2171/2003) be converted to non-motorized trails to provide big game solitude, backcountry hunting, and quiet recreation use opportunities

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## Route: 3163

### Segment: 1469

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Potential connection to 2062.

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3163

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group [COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001, 4005, 4006, 4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 3164

### Segment: 461

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of sagebrush park

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 3164

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3165

## Segment: 301

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park. Steep slopes issue; ensure a maintenance priority.

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3165

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

• Orchard Point, Stone Basin recommended closures Fragmenting, random routes needing closure north of Peach Orchard Point and Grade Gulch are 2261, 2260, 2251, 3117, 2114, 2365, 3116, 3114, 2362, 2048, 2238, 2236, 2237, 3113, , 2239, 2359, 2049, 2358, 2105, 3115, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2103, 3074, 3078, 2229, 2045, 3112, 3165, 3166, 2104, 2363, 2360, 2367, 2369, 3165, 2375, 2388, 3007, 2391, 2117, 2381, 2118, 3174, 2030, 3178, 2056, 3072, 2394, 3155, 3156, 2490, 3171, 2099, 3070, 3047, 2013, 3172, 2409. Recommended closures near the Narrows: 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 2014, 3169, 3005, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005, 2099, 2370. Kelso Gulch needed closures are 3092, 3157, 2301, 3057, 2031, 3026, 3024, 3170, 3167, 3060, 3061, 2087, 3158, 2490, 3172, 3014

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 3166

### Segment: 288

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- move to the edge of Sagebrush park. Steep slopes issue; ensure a maintenance priority.

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3166

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 3167

### Segment: 500

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3167

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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## Route: 3168

### Segment: 489

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Veg Communities – SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Public Comments On Route: 3168

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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### Route: 3169

#### Segment: 321

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Geo/paleo – SSR in key sites, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 3169

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-26

- Cottonwood Creek This creek is a rare example of an almost completely unroaded, untrailed stream corridor for most of its length until it reaches Roubideau Creek and the Gunnison River. Unplanned, damaging routes along Cottonwood Creek upstream near the Forest Service boundary should all be closed to create an undisturbed full stretch of riparian corridor. Randomly created routes needing closure are: 2152, 2149, 2147, 2148, 2439, 2153, 2154, 2156. Closing these routes would restore a relatively intact watershed. Routes needing closure at the northern end of Cottonwood Creek, for the same reason, are: 3087, 3088, 3082, 3083, 3080, 3015, 2370, 2089, 2100, 3079, 3047, 2396, 2013, 3128, 3169, 2014, 2162, 2160, 2493, 3005. Some of these routes spur off 25 Mesa Road and do not actually enter the Cottonwood Creek drainage, but most if not all are not purposely created, not planned, are randomly scarring the landscape, and are introducing difficult to enforce ORV use. Only a few, if any should be left open, that have an overriding need and purpose. All the user-created routes descending into Cottonwood Creek should be closed, including 2100, 2370, 2099, and the whole tangle of routes 3169, etc etc

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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## Route: 317

### Segment: 2463

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 317

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-1

• I've been involved in the "process" of this NCA since long before the D-E NCA designation. "The Hunting Grounds" area is very personal and dear to me, so I'd like to share a little of my background and how it ties into where we are today. I'd been coming to Grand Junction since 1992, to enjoy the BLM public land opportunities of OHV use, while living in the Denver area. Close to home, solitary, public land opportunities did not exist near Denver. After a couple visits per year to the valley throughout the 1990's, I thought Grand Junction would be a great place to live. I began looking for acreage in/around the valley. When the realtor showed me a 40 acre parcel for sale, accessed via Bean Ranch Road, I had already looked at several others, from Debeque to Glade Park. When I arrived at this said parcel for sale, I said "this is THE one!" In Feb. 2001, I purchased the 40 acre parcel of dry land, which was (and still is) bordered by BLM land on 3 sides. (Note, this mentioned BLM land is now within the D-E NCA Hunting Grounds area.) In Sept. 2002 I made the move to Grand Junction, and in March of 2003 my home was completed and I was able to move onto my 40 acres. The dream I'd so looked forward to achieving was made a reality, as my preferred outdoor recreation activity was (and still is) OHV use, although I enjoy many other types of outdoor recreation. I now had the ability to leave my driveway, on my OHV, and explore diverse trails and see beautiful scenery and wildlife. Let me also mention that being able to reside on this 40 acres wasn't an easy endeavor, however, it was a choice that meant financial and life altering sacrifices, to be able to enjoy the recreation opportunities this location had to offer. One major note supporting that is that there is no piped/city water beyond where you crest the top of the hill of Bean Ranch Rd. All the homes located on the back side of Bean Ranch Rd do not have piped/city drinking water, so those home owners have either drilled a well (minimal) or use cisterns and haul, or have delivered, potable water. Let me tell you, this takes planning & some conditional living. But those are things I was willing to deal with, to occupy a residence in this great area of BLM recreation opportunities that I so desired, and to achieve my personal dreams of living "out of the city" for mental well being. When I first discovered my passion for OHV use, I rode a dirt bike. After about 13 years of riding dirt bikes, I tried atv-ing and discovered I could pack my rack with supplies for a days' outing (or more), and be gone on the trail, enjoying what there was to be seen! Soon after moving to the valley, I joined the WSATVA and made several friends who were atv-ers, so that has been my main OHV method for the past 12 years. Although WSATVA did welcome me in the beginning, as a dirt biker! For years, I have been able to leave my Bean Ranch Rd property, on or in my OHV of choice, and explore the existing diverse roads and trails, within the area known as The Hunting Grounds. These roads & trails lead to spectacular viewing accesses of the Gunnison River, from the canyon edge. There are also railroad track & tunnel views, and the majestic sites of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness area and Cactus Park across the river. I have taken many friends and family to see these splendorous sites, when they have visited. I'd also like to include that any specific trail #'s that I do not mention, that are not currently listed as potential closures on Alternatives B or E, I want to remain open. I do not mention trails which I did not find threatened for closure. My desire is for The Hunting Grounds area for the existing roads and trails to remain open and to remain as multi-use. I will also acknowledge the need for protecting precious resources within this area. While attending many meetings leading up to the DRMP being executed, I found it somewhat frustrating, and perhaps aggravating, to learn how many people didn't even know of The Hunting Grounds existence until the D-E NCA designation came and the RMP process that has followed. And I'm just amazed at how now those folks who have newly experienced it, want use specific trails with government rules and regulations to be put into place regarding the do's and don'ts. Then, to hear those folks' comments to recommend adding staging areas, with information kiosks, bathrooms, and improved parking areas is just jaw dropping to me. Prior to the past 4-5 years, very few Mesa County residents and mostly local residents of Bean Ranch Road & Whitewater area had knowledge about The Hunting Grounds zone, and its spectacular BLM recreation opportunities, which currently include multi-use activities on roads and trails. I've come to learn that it was not ok, for the residents who live in that area, who sought land for their homes to be built on, to have driveway access to enjoy activities they love, and not ok to be privy to this area without the rest of Mesa County and beyond knowing also. I guess that goes with "if you build it, they will come" motto. I also find the requests for use specific trails, vs. multi-use, for reason of user conflicts and desire for quiet use trails un-necessary, as if anyone has spent any time in The Hunting Grounds area, you will find this is not a highly used public area, and if you even see other users, it is a minimal and infrequent experience. I do know that the residents who live in that area, want all existing trails to remain open and to multi-use. As we all know, "Alternative A", no change", really isn't a real alternative for this future planning, right? Alternative A would be my first choice for the future of this area. Leave it as it is, because it IS NOT BROKEN! In attempting to navigate the D-E NCA DRMP website, I thought in public meetings, Katie Stevens had said you could click on a trail slated for closure and it would give the reason. I was not successful in finding this resourceful tool, so without that information, my comments continue based on what I see for closure on the maps.

Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-1

**Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

• The Hunting Ground roads and trails are used mostly by families, couples and casual sight-seers out for a day enjoying the great outdoors and moseying along the canyon rim. Jeeps and ATVs provide 95% of the conveyance. The Hunting Ground roads and trails generally do not have the length or technical challenge for a good group run by the clubs in the area. With that said, I'd like to see more of the roads along the canyon rim open to jeeps as well as ATVs. The Hunting Ground is a multi-use ERMA and there is no reason to close most of the rim trails to full-size vehicles. I belong to the Jeep Club and the ATV Club and I see no benefit to ATVs by shutting Jeeps out of so many of the rim trails. Most, but not all, the rim trails were put in by full-size and do not have erosion or wear-and-

tear issues.Roads 317 and 326:With that as background, I recommend that roads 317 and 326 remain open to full-size as they connect between full-size roads 254 and 331

## Route: 3170

### Segment: 517

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Veg Communities – SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3170

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-27

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3171

### Segment: 456

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 3171

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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### Route: 3172

#### Segment: 443

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Range

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Lands with wilderness characteristics

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect solitude and opportunities for primitive recreation in areas managed for wilderness character.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 3172

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3173

### Segment: 438

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3173

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3174

### Segment: 407

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3174

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-27

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## Route: 3175

### Segment: 671

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 672

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
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### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 673

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3175

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3176

### Segment: 617

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3176

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3177

### Segment: 633

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3177

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3179

### Segment: 348

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Reroute to the edge of the Sagebrush field

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3179

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 318

### Segment: 2423

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 318

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3180

### Segment: 383

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3180

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3181

### Segment: 553

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3181

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-68

- [Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (South) TMP-Level Comments:Quiet Trails Group supports the management decisions shown in Alternative E for the southern Sawmill Mesa area with the following specific suggestions:]Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380: We would like to see these routes open to mechanical use (mountain biking) as it would create a bike loop system connecting Escalante Rim Rd to Sawmill Mesa Rd down to the northeast boundary of the NCA. We believe this area has the potential to provide a dynamic bicycling experience with trails of a variety of lengths and difficulties that lead to beautiful views and are easily accessible from Delta.

Organization, commenter: Conservation Colorado, Kate Graham

Comment ID: 000000245-1

- Reference page number or section in RMP(optional): Lower Sawmill Mesa SRMA P 135-140.Title of Comment (area or trail name):Routes 3181-2399-2398-2354-2029-2376-2377-2378-2383-2382-2380Name: Kate Graham Address: Grand Junction COEmail:Phone:I would like to see these routes designated for travel by foot and mountain bike

## Route: 3182

### Segment: 602

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3182

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3183

### Segment: 640

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3183

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3184

### Segment: 664

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 3184

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3185

### Segment: 710

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Designation Following Mitigation**  
Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3185

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3186

### Segment: 732

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3186

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3187

### Segment: 778

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Raptor Potential Habitat
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3187

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3188

### Segment: 817

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA River Rims ACEC
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Raptor Potential Habitat
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 3188

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 3189

### Segment: 3019

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA River Rims ACEC
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 3044

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3189

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Jolene George

Comment ID: 000000096-4

- 4. Route # 2472 needs to be reclassified from Administrative use to ATV/multiple use to provide access to route # 3189 which provides river access. This route has a desirable end destination and a clearly identifiable use for motorized users as well as mechanized and quiet users.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686,

1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 319

### Segment: 2415

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 319

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3190

### Segment: 3020

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC- Escalante-SSR

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to protect sensitive plant, fish, and wildlife resources in the Escalante Canyon ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3190

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3191

### Segment: 3012

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Foot and horse (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 12 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 3191

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 3192

## Segment: 3021

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 3217

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3192

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2273, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-10

• 5. Since the BLM's route designations will become Implementation Decisions in the D-E NCA Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (DRMP, page 22) it is critical that all of DMEA's access routes be accurately shown, and designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' under all alternatives. This includes, but is not limited to, portions of the following numbered travel routes, as identified on the DENCA Draft RMP Route by Route Designation Figures (Figures N-1b\_Alt\_B\_CTMP; N-1c\_Alt\_C\_CTMP; N-1d\_Alt\_D\_CTMP; and N-1e\_Alt\_E\_CTMP): 2495, 2496, 2459, 2313, 2461, 2462, 2352, 2470, 2476, 3192, 2035, 2336, 2342.6. Designation of DMEA's access routes as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only' is consistent with the BLM's guidelines for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, April 2013 Appendix N Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan Route-by-Route Designation, which states: "Through the process of route-by-route designation, the interdisciplinary team established some guidelines that were applied across all four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E) ... 5. Routes that are associated with, or provide primary access to, established right-of-ways were either designated as open or as limited to administrative use only." (pages 899 and 900).

Organization, commenter: Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)

Comment ID: 000000193-2

• Route Specific Comments. 1. Among the RMP alternatives, the No Action Alternative is preferred by DMEA since it allows for the continued use of existing access routes for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing distribution lines and poles. DMEA does not believe there would be any significant impact to the maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing distribution system and access routes, under the No Action Alternative. 2. Alternative B would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair, replace or upgrade portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be closed (e.g. 2496, 2035) or limited to ATV use only (e.g. 2336). Access restrictions would severely harm DMEA's ability to operate and maintain existing electrical distribution facilities as required by federal laws governing electric cooperatives/suppliers, and in accordance with our established standards. For access and maintenance of facilities, in all cases DMEA is requesting the use of existing roads and when roads are not available, the use of right-of-way for access. 3. Alternative C would result in the majority of existing DMEA access routes being designated as 'Administrative Use Only' (e.g. 2496, 2495, 2462, 2461, 2459, 2313, 3192). Based on the assumption that as a BLM right-of-way grant holder DMEA would have 'Administrative Use' and be allowed continued access to our distribution lines, no significant impacts would occur with this designation. Significant impacts would occur, however, where access is denied due to 'Closed' travel routes (e.g. 2336). 4. Alternative D would result in the majority of DMEA's access routes being designated as 'Open' north of the Gunnison River (e.g. 2496, 2495), while the majority of DMEA's access routes south of the river would be designated as 'Bicycle' (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459, and 2313). In addition, this alternative would also designate several of DMEA's access routes as either 'Closed' or 'Administration Use Only'. Significant negative impacts to DMEA and our customers served off these lines would occur when DMEA's access is unreasonably limited or denied. No significant impacts would be expected where access routes are designated as 'Open' or 'Administrative Use Only'. 5. Alternative E would result in significant impacts to DMEA's ability to maintain, repair and replace portions of the existing distribution lines within the NCA planning area. Under this alternative a number of DMEA access routes would be 'Closed' (e.g. 2496, 2463) or limited to 'ATV' use (e.g. 2461, 2462, 2459). Again, these limitations on access would not permit DMEA to continue operating and maintaining the existing electrical facilities in this area in accordance with federal regulations and DMEA's established standards. Significant and serious impacts would occur where access routes to DMEA's distribution lines are designated as 'Closed', or 'ATV'.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 3193

### Segment: 3179

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 2993

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 3193

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 3194

### Segment: 2991

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3194

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3195

### Segment: 2992

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Segment: 3178

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- Special Species Plant

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS DMEA access route

- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 3195

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 3197

### Segment: 3022

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3197

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the

kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3198

### Segment: 3023

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3198

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 3199

### Segment: 2994

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 3199

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 32

### Segment: 2817

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 32

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 320

### Segment: 2424

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 320

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-1

• I've been involved in the "process" of this NCA since long before the D-E NCA designation. "The Hunting Grounds" area is very personal and dear to me, so I'd like to share a little of my background and how it ties into where we are today. I'd been coming to Grand Junction since 1992, to enjoy the BLM public land opportunities of OHV use, while living in the Denver area. Close to home, solitary, public land opportunities did not exist near Denver. After a couple visits per year to the valley throughout the 1990's, I thought Grand Junction would be a great place to live. I began looking for acreage in/around the valley. When the realtor showed me a 40 acre parcel for sale, accessed via Bean Ranch Road, I had already looked at several others, from Debeque to Glade Park. When I arrived at this said parcel for sale, I said "this is THE one!" In Feb. 2001, I purchased the 40 acre parcel of dry land, which was (and still is) bordered by BLM land on 3 sides. (Note, this mentioned BLM land is now within the D-E NCA Hunting Grounds area.) In Sept. 2002 I made the move to Grand Junction, and in March of 2003 my home was completed and I was able to move onto my 40 acres. The dream I'd so looked forward to achieving was made a reality, as my preferred outdoor recreation activity was (and still is) OHV use, although I enjoy many other types of outdoor recreation. I now had the ability to leave my driveway, on my OHV, and explore diverse trails and see beautiful scenery and wildlife. Let me also mention that being able to reside on this 40 acres wasn't an easy endeavor, however, it was a choice that meant financial and life altering sacrifices, to be able to enjoy the recreation opportunities this location had to offer. One major note supporting that is that there is no piped/city water beyond where you crest the top of the hill of Bean Ranch Rd. All the homes located on the back side of Bean Ranch Rd do not have piped/city drinking water, so those home owners have either drilled a well (minimal) or use cisterns and haul, or have delivered, potable water. Let me tell you, this takes planning & some conditional living. But those are things I was willing to deal with, to occupy a residence in this great area of BLM recreation opportunities that I so desired, and to achieve my personal dreams of living "out of the city" for mental well being. When I first discovered my passion for OHV use, I rode a dirt bike. After about 13 years of riding dirt bikes, I tried atv-ing and discovered I could pack my rack with supplies for a days' outing (or more), and be gone on the trail, enjoying what there was to be seen! Soon after moving to the valley, I joined the WSATVA and made several friends who were atv-ers, so that has been my main OHV method for the past 12 years. Although WSATVA did welcome me in the beginning, as a dirt biker! For years, I have been able to leave my Bean Ranch Rd property, on or in my OHV of choice, and explore the existing diverse roads and trails, within the area known as The Hunting Grounds. These roads & trails lead to spectacular viewing accesses of the Gunnison River, from the canyon edge. There are also railroad track & tunnel views, and the majestic sites of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness area and Cactus Park across the river. I have taken many friends and family to see these splendorous sites, when they have visited. I'd also like to include that any specific trail #'s that I do not mention, that are not currently listed as potential closures on Alternatives B or E, I want to remain open. I do not mention trails which I did not find threatened for closure. My desire is for The Hunting Grounds area for the existing roads and trails to remain open and to remain as multi-use. I will also acknowledge the need for protecting precious resources within this area. While attending many meetings leading up to the DRMP being executed, I found it somewhat frustrating, and perhaps aggravating, to learn how many people didn't even know of The Hunting Grounds existence until the D-E NCA designation came and the RMP process that has followed. And I'm just amazed at how now those folks who have newly experienced it, want use specific trails with government rules and regulations to be put into place regarding the do's and don'ts. Then, to hear those folks' comments to recommend adding staging areas, with information kiosks, bathrooms, and improved parking areas is just jaw dropping to me. Prior to the past 4-5 years, very few Mesa County residents and mostly local residents of Bean Ranch Road & Whitewater area had knowledge about The Hunting Grounds zone, and its spectacular BLM recreation opportunities, which currently include multi-use activities on roads and trails. I've come to learn that it was not ok, for the residents who live in that area, who sought land for their homes to be built on, to have driveway access to enjoy activities they love, and not ok to be privy to this area without the rest of Mesa County and beyond knowing also. I guess that goes with "if you build it, they will come" motto. I also find the requests for use specific trails, vs. multi-use, for reason of user conflicts and desire for quiet use trails un-necessary, as if anyone has spent any time in The Hunting Grounds area, you will find this is not a highly used public area, and if you even see other users, it is a minimal and infrequent experience. I do know that the residents who live in that area, want all existing trails to remain open and to multi-use. As we all know, "Alternative A", no change", really isn't a real alternative for this future planning, right? Alternative A would be my first choice for the future of this area. Leave it as it is, because it IS NOT BROKEN! In attempting to navigate the D-E NCA DRMP website, I thought in public meetings, Katie Stevens had said you could click on a trail slated for closure and it would give the reason. I was not successful in finding this resourceful tool, so without that information, my comments continue based on what I see for closure on the maps.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 321

### Segment: 2393

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 321

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 322

### Segment: 2387

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 322

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-215

- 345 There is some severe erosion on this route near 12 S 725899 4307199 (IMG\_055) which result in vehicle creating by-pass roads to get around the problem. Including route 322, which I believe goes farther than indicated in the inventory

## Route: 323

### Segment: 2382

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative C: Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 323

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 324

### Segment: 2371

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative C: Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 324

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 325

### Segment: 2370

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 325

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 326

### Segment: 2392

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 326

Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-1

- The Hunting Ground roads and trails are used mostly by families, couples and casual sight-seers out for a day enjoying the great outdoors and moseying along the canyon rim. Jeeps and ATVs provide 95% of the conveyance. The Hunting Ground roads and trails generally do not have the length or technical challenge for a good group run by the clubs in the area. With that said, I'd like to see more of the roads along the canyon rim open to jeeps as well as ATVs. The Hunting Ground is a multi-use ERMA and there is no reason

to close most of the rim trails to full-size vehicles. I belong to the Jeep Club and the ATV Club and I see no benefit to ATVs by shutting Jeeps out of so many of the rim trails. Most, but not all, the rim trails were put in by full-size and do not have erosion or wear-and-tear issues. Roads 317 and 326: With that as background, I recommend that roads 317 and 326 remain open to full-size as they connect between full-size roads 254 and 331

## Route: 327

### Segment: 2365

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 327

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 328

### Segment: 2362

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 328

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 329

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## Segment: 2383

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 329

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 33

## Segment: 2805

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 33

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 330

## Segment: 2402

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 330

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-72

- Routes 331, 330, 313: QTG supports the idea of keeping these trails open to motorized use as it leads to an excellent dispersed camping site

## Route: 331

### Segment: 2366

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 331

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-72

- Routes 331, 330, 313: QTG supports the idea of keeping these trails open to motorized use as it leads to an excellent dispersed camping site

Organization, commenter: Bob Janowski

Comment ID: 000000151-1

- The Hunting Ground roads and trails are used mostly by families, couples and casual sight-seers out for a day enjoying the great outdoors and moseying along the canyon rim. Jeeps and ATVs provide 95% of the conveyance. The Hunting Ground roads and trails generally do not have the length or technical challenge for a good group run by the clubs in the area. With that said, I'd like to see more of the roads along the canyon rim open to jeeps as well as ATVs. The Hunting Ground is a multi-use ERMA and there is no reason to close most of the rim trails to full-size vehicles. I belong to the Jeep Club and the ATV Club and I see no benefit to ATVs by shutting Jeeps out of so many of the rim trails. Most, but not all, the rim trails were put in by full-size and do not have erosion or wear-and-tear issues. Roads 317 and 326: With that as background, I recommend that roads 317 and 326 remain open to full-size as they connect between full-size roads 254 and 331

## Route: 332

### Segment: 2361

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 332

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 333

### Segment: 2364

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 333

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 334

## Segment: 2363

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 334

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 335

### Segment: 2358

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 335

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 336

### Segment: 2357

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 336

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 337

### Segment: 2360

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 337

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 338

### Segment: 2411

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 338

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 339

### Segment: 2409

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Segment: 2417**

**Designation**

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

**Mitigation Criteria**

- Confirm route is on public land

**Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

**Rationale**

**Designation Criteria**

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

**Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

**Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Public Comments On Route: 339**

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-233

• Routes 367 and 339 connect via private property. Since it is the BLM's position to not encourage trespass these routes need to be rerouted to avoid the private property.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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**Route: 34**

**Segment: 2804**

**Designation**

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 34

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 340

### Segment: 2457

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 340

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 341

### Segment: 2389

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 341

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 342

### Segment: 2351

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 342

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 343

### Segment: 2348

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 343

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 344

### Segment: 2419

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 344

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 345

### Segment: 2386

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 345

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-215

345 There is some severe erosion on this route near 12 S 725899 4307199 (IMG\_055) which result in vehicle creating by-pass roads to get around the problem. Including route 322, which I believe goes farther than indicated in the inventory

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 346

### Segment: 2346

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 346

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 347

### Segment: 2343

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 347

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 348

### Segment: 2290

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 348

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 349

### Segment: 2293

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 349

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-209

- Alt E's closure of duplicate and braided routes: There are many short braided routes like 102, 112, 120, and 349 throughout the NCA. I support the closing and rehabbing of them if they don't lead to nice dispersed campsites. Hiking passed them makes me think that no one cares about proper planning (if I didn't know the history of their creation). Duplicated braided routes are just eating up the area, damaging vegetation in areas where it is such a struggle for vegetation to survive. Now that this is an NCA, I support the BLM's intent in Alt E to close and re-vegetate such braided routes. I believe it is important to show respect for the protection of the land and its beauty by minimizing routes to those that are useful and fun and eliminating such unnecessary braids.

## Route: 350

### Segment: 2304

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 350

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 351

### Segment: 2298

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 351

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 352

### Segment: 2288

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 352

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 353

### Segment: 2289

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 353

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 354

### Segment: 2272

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 354

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 355

### Segment: 2270

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 355

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 356

### Segment: 2269

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 356

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 357

### Segment: 2271

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 357

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 358

### Segment: 2266

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 358

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 359

### Segment: 2297

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 359

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 36

### Segment: 2807

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 36

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 360

### Segment: 2265

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 360

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 361

### Segment: 2264

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 361

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 362

### Segment: 2267

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 362

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 363

### Segment: 2260

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 363

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 364

### Segment: 2259

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 364

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-1

• I've been involved in the "process" of this NCA since long before the D-E NCA designation. "The Hunting Grounds" area is very personal and dear to me, so I'd like to share a little of my background and how it ties into where we are today. I'd been coming to Grand Junction since 1992, to enjoy the BLM public land opportunities of OHV use, while living in the Denver area. Close to home, solitary, public land opportunities did not exist near Denver. After a couple visits per year to the valley throughout the 1990's, I thought Grand Junction would be a great place to live. I began looking for acreage in/around the valley. When the realtor showed me a 40 acre parcel for sale, accessed via Bean Ranch Road, I had already looked at several others, from Debeque to Glade Park. When I arrived at this said parcel for sale, I said "this is THE one!" In Feb. 2001, I purchased the 40 acre parcel of dry land, which was (and still is) bordered by BLM land on 3 sides. (Note, this mentioned BLM land is now within the D-E NCA Hunting Grounds area.) In Sept. 2002 I made the move to Grand Junction, and in March of 2003 my home was completed and I was able to move onto my 40 acres. The dream I'd so looked forward to achieving was made a reality, as my preferred outdoor recreation activity was (and still is) OHV use, although I enjoy many other types of outdoor recreation. I now had the ability to leave my driveway, on my OHV, and explore diverse trails and see beautiful scenery and wildlife. Let me also mention that being able to reside on this 40 acres wasn't an easy endeavor, however, it was a choice that meant financial and life altering sacrifices, to be able to enjoy the recreation opportunities this location had to offer. One major note supporting that is that there is no piped/city water beyond where you crest the top of the hill of Bean Ranch Rd. All the homes located on the back side of Bean Ranch Rd do not have piped/city drinking water, so those home owners have either drilled a well (minimal) or use cisterns and haul, or have delivered, potable water. Let me tell you, this takes planning & some conditional living. But those are things I was willing to deal with, to occupy a residence in this great area of BLM recreation opportunities that I so desired, and to achieve my personal dreams of living "out of the city" for mental well being. When I first discovered my passion for OHV use, I rode a dirt bike. After about 13 years of riding dirt bikes, I tried atv-ing and discovered I could pack my rack with supplies for a days' outing (or more), and be gone on the trail, enjoying what there was to be seen! Soon after moving to the valley, I joined the WSATVA and made several friends who were atv-ers, so that has been my main OHV method for the past 12 years. Although WSATVA did welcome me in the beginning, as a dirt biker! For years, I have been able to leave my Bean Ranch Rd property, on or in my OHV of choice, and explore the existing diverse roads and trails, within the area known as The Hunting Grounds. These roads & trails lead to spectacular viewing accesses of the Gunnison River, from the canyon edge. There are also railroad track & tunnel views, and the majestic sites of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness area and Cactus Park across the river. I have taken many friends and family to see these splendorous sites, when they have visited. I'd also like to include that any specific trail #'s that I do not mention, that are not currently listed as potential closures on Alternatives B or E, I want to remain open. I do not mention trails which I did not find threatened for closure. My desire is for The Hunting Grounds area for the existing roads and trails to remain open and to remain as multi-use. I will also acknowledge the need for protecting precious resources within this area. While attending many meetings leading up to the DRMP being executed, I found it somewhat frustrating, and perhaps aggravating, to learn how many people didn't even know of The Hunting Grounds existence until the D-E NCA designation came and the RMP process that has followed. And I'm just amazed at how now those folks who have newly experienced it, want use specific trails with government rules and regulations to be put into place regarding the do's and don'ts. Then, to hear those folks' comments to recommend adding staging areas, with information kiosks, bathrooms, and improved parking areas is just jaw dropping to me. Prior to the past 4-5 years, very few Mesa County residents and mostly local residents of Bean Ranch Road & Whitewater area had knowledge about The Hunting Grounds zone, and its spectacular BLM recreation opportunities, which currently include multi-use activities on roads and trails. I've come to learn that it was not ok, for the residents who live in that area, who sought land for their homes to be built on, to have driveway access to enjoy activities they love, and not ok to be privy to this area without the rest of Mesa County and beyond knowing also. I guess that goes with "if you build it, they will come" motto. I also find the requests for use specific trails, vs. multi-use, for reason of user conflicts and desire for quiet use trails un-necessary, as if anyone has spent any time in The Hunting Grounds area, you will find this is not a highly used public area, and if you even see other users, it is a minimal and infrequent experience. I do know that the residents who live in that area, want all existing trails to remain open and to multi-use. As we all know, "Alternative A", no change", really isn't a real alternative for this future planning, right? Alternative A would be my first choice for the future of this area. Leave it as it is, because it IS NOT BROKEN! In attempting to navigate the D-E NCA DRMP website, I thought in public meetings, Katie Stevens had said you could click on a trail slated for closure and it would give the reason. I was not successful in finding this resourceful tool, so without that information, my comments continue based on what I see for closure on the maps.

## Route: 365

### Segment: 2282

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 365

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 366

### Segment: 2301

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 366

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 367

### Segment: 2322

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 367

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164,

2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-233

- Routes 367 and 339 connect via private property. Since it is the BLM's position to not encourage trespass these routes need to be rerouted to avoid the private property.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 368

### Segment: 2352

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 368

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 369

## Segment: 2262

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 369

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 37

## Segment: 2806

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 37

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 370

## Segment: 2242

### Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 370

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 371

### Segment: 2232

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 371

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 372

### Segment: 2254

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 372

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 373

### Segment: 2238

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 373

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 374

### Segment: 2244

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 374

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 375

### Segment: 2226

#### Designation

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 375

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 376

### Segment: 2225

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 376

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## Route: 377

### Segment: 2234

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
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##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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## Public Comments On Route: 377

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 378

### Segment: 2218

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Public Comments On Route: 378

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 379

#### Segment: 2248

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Public Comments On Route: 379

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 38

#### Segment: 2802

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 38

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 380

### Segment: 2205

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 380

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 381

### Segment: 2209

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 381

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 382

### Segment: 2217

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 382

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 383

### Segment: 2206

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 383

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 384

### Segment: 2243

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 384

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 385

### Segment: 2219

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 385

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 386

### Segment: 2202

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 386

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 387

### Segment: 2204

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** Raptor Potential Habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 387

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 388

##### Segment: 2200

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 388

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 389

##### Segment: 2203

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

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## Route: 39

### Segment: 2801

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 39

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 390

### Segment: 2196

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 390

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-1

• I've been involved in the "process" of this NCA since long before the D-E NCA designation. "The Hunting Grounds" area is very personal and dear to me, so I'd like to share a little of my background and how it ties into where we are today. I'd been coming to Grand Junction since 1992, to enjoy the BLM public land opportunities of OHV use, while living in the Denver area. Close to home, solitary, public land opportunities did not exist near Denver. After a couple visits per year to the valley throughout the 1990's, I thought Grand Junction would be a great place to live. I began looking for acreage in/around the valley. When the realtor showed me a 40 acre parcel for sale, accessed via Bean Ranch Road, I had already looked at several others, from Debeque to Glade Park. When I arrived at this said parcel for sale, I said "this is THE one!" In Feb. 2001, I purchased the 40 acre parcel of dry land, which was (and still is) bordered by BLM land on 3 sides. (Note, this mentioned BLM land is now within the D-E NCA Hunting Grounds area.) In Sept. 2002 I made the move to Grand Junction, and in March of 2003 my home was completed and I was able to move onto my 40 acres. The dream I'd so looked forward to achieving was made a reality, as my preferred outdoor recreation activity was (and still is) OHV use, although I enjoy many other types of outdoor recreation. I now had the ability to leave my driveway, on my OHV, and explore diverse trails and see beautiful scenery and wildlife. Let me also mention that being able to reside on this 40 acres wasn't an easy endeavor, however, it was a choice that meant financial and life altering sacrifices, to be able to enjoy the recreation opportunities this location had to offer. One major note supporting that is that there is no piped/city water beyond where you crest the top of the hill of Bean Ranch Rd. All the homes located on the back side of Bean Ranch Rd do not have piped/city drinking water, so those home owners have either drilled a well (minimal) or use cisterns and haul, or have delivered, potable water. Let me tell you, this takes planning & some conditional living. But those are things I was willing to deal with, to occupy a residence in this great area of BLM recreation opportunities that I so desired, and to achieve my personal dreams of living "out of the city" for mental well being. When I first discovered my passion for OHV use, I rode a dirt bike. After about 13 years of riding dirt bikes, I tried atv-ing and discovered I could pack my rack with supplies for a days' outing (or more), and be gone on the trail, enjoying what there was to be seen! Soon after moving to the valley, I joined the WSATVA and made several friends who were atv-ers, so that has been my main OHV method for the past 12 years. Although WSATVA did welcome me in the beginning, as a dirt biker! For years, I have been able to leave my Bean Ranch Rd property, on or in my OHV of choice, and explore the existing diverse roads and trails, within the area known as The Hunting Grounds. These roads & trails lead to spectacular viewing accesses of the Gunnison River, from the canyon edge. There are also railroad track & tunnel views, and the

major sites of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness area and Cactus Park across the river. I have taken many friends and family to see these splendorous sites, when they have visited. I'd also like to include that any specific trail #'s that I do not mention, that are not currently listed as potential closures on Alternatives B or E, I want to remain open. I do not mention trails which I did not find threatened for closure. My desire is for The Hunting Grounds area for the existing roads and trails to remain open and to remain as multi-use. I will also acknowledge the need for protecting precious resources within this area. While attending many meetings leading up to the DRMP being executed, I found it somewhat frustrating, and perhaps aggravating, to learn how many people didn't even know of The Hunting Grounds existence until the D-E NCA designation came and the RMP process that has followed. And I'm just amazed at how now those folks who have newly experienced it, want use specific trails with government rules and regulations to be put into place regarding the do's and don'ts. Then, to hear those folks' comments to recommend adding staging areas, with information kiosks, bathrooms, and improved parking areas is just jaw dropping to me. Prior to the past 4-5 years, very few Mesa County residents and mostly local residents of Bean Ranch Road & Whitewater area had knowledge about The Hunting Grounds zone, and its spectacular BLM recreation opportunities, which currently include multi-use activities on roads and trails. I've come to learn that it was not ok, for the residents who live in that area, who sought land for their homes to be built on, to have driveway access to enjoy activities they love, and not ok to be privy to this area without the rest of Mesa County and beyond knowing also. I guess that goes with "if you build it, they will come" motto. I also find the requests for use specific trails, vs. multi-use, for reason of user conflicts and desire for quiet use trails un-necessary, as if anyone has spent any time in The Hunting Grounds area, you will find this is not a highly used public area, and if you even see other users, it is a minimal and infrequent experience. I do know that the residents who live in that area, want all existing trails to remain open and to multi-use. As we all know, "Alternative A", no change", really isn't a real alternative for this future planning, right? Alternative A would be my first choice for the future of this area. Leave it as it is, because it IS NOT BROKEN! In attempting to navigate the D-E NCA DRMP website, I thought in public meetings, Katie Stevens had said you could click on a trail slated for closure and it would give the reason. I was not successful in finding this resourceful tool, so without that information, my comments continue based on what I see for closure on the maps.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 391

### Segment: 2228

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 391

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-2

• As a choice second to Alternative A (only because we know that isn't a real alternative), for the most part, I could agree with the Advisory Councils Alternative E trail designation proposals, with exceptions as follows: Trail 419 is slated for closure, but provides closer access to the canyons' edge, with canyon and river views. I would like to see that trail remain open for OHV use. I would like to see trails 391, 416 & 431 remain open, and connector trails to create loops between them be added, near the private property boundaries. Each of these trails provides unique & diverse OHV riding opportunities. Loops would be a better alternative than closure.

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## Route: 392

### Segment: 2241

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 392

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 393

### Segment: 2197

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 393

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 394

### Segment: 2164

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 394

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 395

### Segment: 2161

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 395

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 396

#### Segment: 2160

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

### Public Comments On Route: 396

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 397

#### Segment: 2151

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Public Comments On Route: 397

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 398

#### Segment: 2154

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

### Public Comments On Route: 398

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 4

#### Segment: 1131

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Wilderness

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 4

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4000

### Segment: 3011

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Possible reroute out of the ACEC.

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 4000

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-210

• 4000-3016-3040-3043-2423 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this Mtn Bike, Horse and Foot only. It would be a component of the Mtn Bike long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta. Part of it is also used for horseback riding events. There are great dramatic views looking down the cliffs at the Gunnison far below. Walking along this route gives me the time to contemplate the grandeur of the area, from the mighty power of water carving canyons over thousands of years, to the contrast of the snow-capped Mesa to the east. It is great to experience the winds of spring that mark the changing of the seasons in a quiet setting, so having this route be non-motorized is important to me.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-77

• Routes 3040, 4000: We understand that BLM has flagged this trail for ATV use, and QTG would like to see this Route reverted back to its historic use as a single track route, and limited to horse, foot, and bike. We believe this would add to the experience of a possible long distance connector trail, because it gives people the opportunity to get away from the saltbrush along the Highway and instead gives the pleasant opportunity to travel along the rim

Organization, commenter: Grand Valley Motorized Recreation Coalition, James Solomon

Comment ID: 000000143-9

• Contiguous Motorized Route traversing the Hunting Ground: Proposed Route (4000) which starts at Dominguez Escalante Road near Hwy 50 seems to make sense for a portion of a trail that would traverse the Hunting Ground area and connect with Delta. The same holds true for (2164). We favor the implementation of a contiguous trail the length of the Hunting Ground and would connect to Delta

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting Grounds In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is

currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 4001

### Segment: 3054

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4001

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

**Hunting Grounds**In the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource. The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail. Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431, to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice views exist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind corners and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediately turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an excellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 4002

### Segment: 3055

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4002

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4003

### Segment: 3056

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4003

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4004

### Segment: 3057

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3212

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4004

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4005

### Segment: 3058

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4005

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

- Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 4006

### Segment: 3059

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanical/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4006

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173.The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164,

2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 4007

### Segment: 3060

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Pronghorn - Close and rehab - wincon, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4007

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 4008

## Segment: 3063

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 3213

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 4008

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-75

• Routes 2328, 2327, 2076, 4008, 2074: As long as there is not a conflicting resource use, QTG recommends leaving these routes open to horse and foot as it offers nice views into the canyon. Specifically, we are concerned about disturbance to any prairie dog town in the vicinity and would support re-routing any of these or any other trails that could hurt prairie dog habitat and colonies in the southern portion of this unit.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 4009

### Segment: 3088

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect Colorado hookless cactus within the River Rims ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4009

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 401

### Segment: 2162

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 401

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4010

### Segment: 3175

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Designate as a Riparian Campsite

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4010

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4011

### Segment: 3198

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Needs Data - SSS Plants
- Cultural
- Special Species Plant

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Pronghorn antelope winter concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus
- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 4011

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4012

### Segment: 2617

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 4012

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4013

### Segment: 3289

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4013

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black

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## Route: 4014

### Segment: 3288

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4014

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

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## Route: 4015

### Segment: 3287

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4015

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 4016

### Segment: 3286

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4016

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

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## Route: 4018

## Segment: 3291

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4018

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4019

## Segment: 3292

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4019

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 402

### Segment: 2145

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Confirm route is on public land

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 402

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 4020

### Segment: 3278

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-River Rims close within 200m cactus

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4020

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4022

### Segment: 3275

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4022

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4023

### Segment: 3274

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4023

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4024

### Segment: 3336

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4024

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4025

### Segment: 3304

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4025

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4026

### Segment: 3305

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4026

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4027

### Segment: 3306

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4027

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4028

### Segment: 3307

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: None
- Alternative B: None
- Alternative C: None
- Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4028

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4029

### Segment: 3309

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: None
- Alternative B: None
- Alternative C: None
- Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4029

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 403

### Segment: 2102

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B: Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 403

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4030

### Segment: 3267

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4030

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4031

### Segment: 3308

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4031

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4032

### Segment: 3310

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4032

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4033

### Segment: 3311

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinnial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: None
- Alternative B: None
- Alternative C: None
- Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4033

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4034

### Segment: 3312

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4034

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4035

### Segment: 3257

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3313

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3317

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3318

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3319

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3320

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4035

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4036

### Segment: 3258

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

### Segment: 3262

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments On Route: 4036

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 00000135-28

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4037

### Segment: 3265

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

## Segment: 3324

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3338

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perinial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4037

- I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4038

### Segment: 3279

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

### Segment: 3325

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3326

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4038

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4039

### Segment: 3339

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4039

No public comments for this Route

## Route: 404

### Segment: 2138

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 404

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4040

### Segment: 3281

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** None

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Segment: 3327

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4040

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4041

### Segment: 3280

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

### Segment: 3328

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

### Segment: 3329

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Class 1 low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

### Segment: 3330

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

#### Public Comments On Route: 4041

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 4042

##### Segment: 3284

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

##### Segment: 3285

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3331

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3332

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural none
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4042

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4043

### Segment: 3282

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3333

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS DMEA access route
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4043

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4044

### Segment: 3283

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Segment: 3334

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS DMEA access route
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: None

Alternative B: None

Alternative C: None

Alternative D: None

## Public Comments On Route: 4044

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 405

### Segment: 2101

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 405

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 406

### Segment: 2098

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 406

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 407

### Segment: 2136

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 407

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 408

### Segment: 2094

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 408

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 409

### Segment: 2096

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 409

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 41

### Segment: 2772

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 41

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 411

### Segment: 2097

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 411

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 412

### Segment: 2016

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 412

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 413

## Segment: 2015

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 413

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 414

### Segment: 2012

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 414

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 415

### Segment: 2100

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 415

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 416

### Segment: 2190

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 416

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-2

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## Route: 417

### Segment: 1999

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 417

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 418

### Segment: 2003

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 418

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-70

- Routes 418, 420, 421: Unless there is a conflicting resource issue, the QTG supports leaving these routes open for ATV use because it is a nice route that leads to an overlook

### Route: 419

#### Segment: 2061

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

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**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 419

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 42

### Segment: 2768

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 42

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 420

### Segment: 1986

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 420

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-70

- Routes 418, 420, 421: Unless there is a conflicting resource issue, the QTG supports leaving these routes open for ATV use because it is a nice route that leads to an overlook

## Route: 421

### Segment: 1973

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 421

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-70

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## Route: 422

### Segment: 1994

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 422

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 423

### Segment: 2004

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 423

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 424

### Segment: 1966

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

## Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 424

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 425

### Segment: 1959

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 425

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 426

### Segment: 1951

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 426

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 429

### Segment: 1958

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 429

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 431

## Segment: 2022

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 431

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-2

• As a choice second to Alternative A (only because we know that isn't a real alternative), for the most part, I could agree with the Advisory Councils Alternative E trail designation proposals, with exceptions as follows: Trail 419 is slated for closure, but provides closer access to the canyons' edge, with canyon and river views. I would like to see that trail remain open for OHV use. I would like to see trails 391, 416 & 431 remain open, and connector trails to create loops between them be added, near the private property boundaries. Each of these trails provides unique & diverse OHV riding opportunities. Loops would be a better alternative than closure.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-13

• The Hunting Ground TMP-Level Comments: We think the route decisions presented in Alt E show a balanced approach to recreational uses and understand and support the idea of some motorized and some quiet-use trails within this unit. However, we do have some specific suggestions: Planned Long-Distance Trail: The QTG would advocate that the majority of the planned long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta be managed for mountain bike, horse and foot traffic, with sections open to motorized use (ATVs in places and full vehicles in others). We believe that mountain bikers are most likely to take advantage of the full distances as they can more readily set up a car shuttle than ATV folks who need trailers at both ends. To work towards creating this long-distance quiet use trail opportunity, we support a single track trail for bike, horse and foot use be added to route 440 or 441 to join Bridgeport road where feasible. This type of trail would provide a great long-distance quiet trail experience along the rim that would be much more interesting than a trail that joins onto some eastern part of route 431. Quiet Trail users love this area for the ability to see pronghorn, as well as the amazing opportunity to look down into the canyon and river, as well as being high enough on the rim to see Grand Mesa, Garfield and the whole Grand Valley.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

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Organization, commenter: Mesa County, John Justman

Comment ID: 000000183-8

• Hunting Grounds Recreation Management Area Page 117: The preferred alternative identifies a "mixed-use connective trail between Whitewater and Delta." Mesa County is in the process of adopting the Grand Valley Trails Master Plan (GVTMP), which includes the

Whitewater area. The draft GVTMP includes the following note: "Future trail connections to Delta County and the Dominguez-Escalante NCA are considered part of future trails expansion plans that are not reflected in the GVTMP maps. These trails would generally follow the Gunnison River." The note is intended to support the mixed-use connective trail identified in the RMP. The GVTMP also emphasizes partnerships for the creation of trails. Mesa County would like to work with the BLM to identify the route of the proposed multi-use connective trail. The Hunting Grounds area is widely used by local residents, especially in the winter when other areas are not open. It is important to maintain and improve public access to the Hunting Grounds. Access is proposed to be limited to Bean Ranch Road. Additionally, the Travel Management map shows several gaps between routes running along the east side of the Gunnison River. Mesa County would like to work with the BLM to identify possible access points, trail connections and trail heads that might be built, both inside and outside the NCA, which would provide public access from County roads to the Hunting Grounds as well as close gaps in the route system. Specific areas of interest are the Siminoe Road area (Route 152) and around Bridgeport Road (Route 431)

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 432

### Segment: 1950

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 432

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 433

### Segment: 1937

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 433

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 434

### Segment: 1939

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 434

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 435

### Segment: 1920

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 435

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 436

### Segment: 1914

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

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## Public Comments On Route: 436

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 437

### Segment: 1911

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 437

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-242

- Route 438 and 456. I've hiked along this route and quite enjoyed the views of the Grand Mesa when contrasted with the awesome Gunnison River view (IMG\_0439) looking down at the old farm home. Granted that there is some nasty erosion on 438 near its intersection with 437, but we'd parked the vehicle before we got there.

## Route: 438

### Segment: 1919

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

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## Public Comments On Route: 438

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Comment ID: 000000106-242

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-73

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## Route: 439

### Segment: 1929

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 6 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cactus – reduce density within 200m, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 439

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-73

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 440

### Segment: 1921

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 440

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-13

• The Hunting Ground TMP-Level Comments:We think the route decisions presented in Alt E show a balanced approach to recreational uses and understand and support the idea of some motorized and some quiet-use trails within this unit. However, we do have some specific suggestions:Planned Long-Distance Trail: The QTG would advocate that the majority of the planned long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta be managed for mountain bike, horse and foot traffic, with sections open to motorized use (ATVs in places and full vehicles in others). We believe that mountain bikers are most likely to take advantage of the full distances as they can more readily set up a car shuttle than ATV folks who need trailers at both ends. To work towards creating this long-distance quiet use trail opportunity, we support a single track trail for bike, horse and foot use be added to route 440 or 441 to join Bridgeport road where feasible. This type of trail would provide a great long-distance quiet trail experience along the rim that would be much more interesting than a trail that joins onto some eastern part of route 431. Quiet Trail users love this area for the ability to see pronghorn, as well as the amazing opportunity to look down into the canyon and river, as well as being high enough on the rim to see Grand Mesa, Garfield and the whole Grand Valley.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-2

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## Route: 441

### Segment: 1893

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 441

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-13

- The Hunting Ground TMP-Level Comments:We think the route decisions presented in Alt E show a balanced approach to recreational uses and understand and support the idea of some motorized and some quiet-use trails within this unit. However, we do have some specific suggestions:Planned Long-Distance Trail: The QTG would advocate that the majority of the planned long-distance trail from Whitewater to Delta be managed for mountain bike, horse and foot traffic, with sections open to motorized use (ATVs in places and full vehicles in others). We believe that mountain bikers are most likely to take advantage of the full distances as they can more readily set up a car shuttle than ATV folks who need trailers at both ends. To work towards creating this long-distance quiet use trail opportunity, we support a single track trail for bike, horse and foot use be added to route 440 or 441 to join Bridgeport road where feasible. This type of trail would provide a great long-distance quiet trail experience along the rim that would be much more interesting than a trail that joins onto some eastern part of route 431. Quiet Trail users love this area for the ability to see pronghorn, as well as the amazing opportunity to look down into the canyon and river, as well as being high enough on the rim to see Grand Mesa, Garfield and the whole Grand Valley.

## Route: 442

### Segment: 1912

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 442

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 443

### Segment: 1908

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 443

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-73

- Routes 456, 439: QTG recommends that these be open to horse and foot use as it would make a nice loop with 438 and 443, though it would require a staging area for vehicle and trailer parking

### Route: 444

#### Segment: 1915

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Not Rehabbed)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Prairie Dog –Spring PSD&DA- 50 m-active colonies.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect white-tailed prairie dog habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 444

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 445

#### Segment: 1873

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

## Public Comments On Route: 445

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 447

### Segment: 1773

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 447

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 449

### Segment: 1837

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
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- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 449

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

- Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 45

### Segment: 2027

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 45

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 450

### Segment: 1769

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 450

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-2

- On the Preferred Alternative E, I would like to make two suggestions on routes that have either been temporarily closed or access restricted. The first route is on the Hunting Grounds. It is the route that takes you to the dedication site for the NCA. It's an incredible overlook of the Gunnison River, the Loretta House and the Big Dominguez Canyon. The route numbers involved are: 2163, 2164, 3051, 461, 454 and 450. I understand this is proposed as a temporary closure for the preservation of cultural resources. But, instead of closing the routes until the resources can be protected, why not leave it open until funding, man power, etc. are obtained. Then only close the route for the short time it would take to actually do the work needed. This would eliminate the route being closed for an indefinite period of time.

## Route: 451

### Segment: 1717

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 451

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 452

### Segment: 1720

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 452

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 453

### Segment: 1716

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 453

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 454

### Segment: 1719

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 454

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 00000056-2

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-67

- Also the BLM should post a sign at the Bridgeport parking lot showing other trails and trailheads in the area, with a comment like "If the parking lot here looks pretty full, and you're looking for solitude you might consider these other options:" This will work better as more quiet-use routes are designated and developed on the east side of the river in the vicinity of Bridgeport road. For example putting a parking area at 12 S 730136 4303782 with a quiet-use trail leading up to 456 and onto to 454 will lead some people to a great view of the Gunnison with only short segments of their hike shared with motorized users. A handy option if you've already driven down to Bridgeport trailhead.

### Route: 455

#### Segment: 1713

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 455

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 456

#### Segment: 1904

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 456

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-242

• Route 438 and 456. I've hiked along this route and quite enjoyed the views of the Grand Mesa when contrasted with the awesome Gunnison River view (IMG\_0439) looking down at the old farm home. Granted that there is some nasty erosion on 438 near its intersection with 437, but we'd parked the vehicle before we got there.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-67

• Also the BLM should post a sign at the Bridgeport parking lot showing other trails and trailheads in the area, with a comment like "If the parking lot here looks pretty full, and you're looking for solitude you might consider these other options:" This will work better as more quiet-use routes are designated and developed on the east side of the river in the vicinity of Bridgeport road. For example putting a parking area at 12 S 730136 4303782 with a quiet-use trail leading up to 456 and onto to 454 will lead some people to a great view of the Gunnison with only short segments of their hike shared with motorized users. A handy option if you've already driven down to Bridgeport trailhead.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-73

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 457

### Segment: 1712

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plans

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 457

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 458

### Segment: 1714

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 458

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 459

### Segment: 1710

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 459

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 46

### Segment: 2052

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 46

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 460

### Segment: 1836

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- LANDS Right of Way
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 460

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Richard Miller

Comment ID: 000000171-7

• IV. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT Mr. Miller's owns various parcels of private property and multiple water diversions in the area in question, and must access these lands via roads and trails which currently cross public land. In addition, Mr. Miller must necessarily access various roads and trails to in the course of managing his livestock operation. The EIS proposes closing various roads and trails to public motorized travel, to minimize resource damage caused by the public on both public and private lands. EIS at 157, 187. Mr. Miller supports the BLM's proposal to restrict public access to public and private property, but only so long as he is not restricted from using these roads as may be necessary to access his private lands and manage his livestock operation. Thus, to the extent that the BLM wishes to close roads to motorized public traffic, it should simultaneously grant Mr. Miller legal, administrative access. In addition, Mr. Miller notes that he would be entitled to a formal decision, subject to appeal, prior to the BLM restricting access to his private property and/or otherwise impacting his livestock operation. Mr. Miller notes that the BLM has mis-classified many routes. See EIS Map N - 1.e. Specifically, many routes which have historically been used to access private land and water diversions, and/or are necessary to maintain livestock improvements or otherwise manage and operate Mr. Miller's livestock operation, have been incorrectly labeled as closed or otherwise restricted in their use. These routes should be classified as "administrative," to recognize these historic uses and to allow for continued uses consistent therewith. The Routes which have been incorrectly classified and which should be classified as "administrative" are as follows: Routes 460, 1220, 1243, 1245, 2003, 2053, 2073, 2086, 2089, 2121, 2122, 2126, 2156, 2166, 2168, 2171, 2172, 2177, 2180, 2336, 2342, 2354, 2408, 2412, 2445, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2585, 2587, 2588, 2590, 2591, 2593, 2595, 2596, 2598, 2599, 2612, 2613, 2622, 2691, 3011, 3048, 3070, 3131, 3141, and 3158. See EIS Map N-1e. In addition, Route 2072 is not completely depicted on the map, in that it extends down the river, across BLM and private property, an additional 2-3 miles, and likewise Route 3048 extends an additional 0.75 miles and leads to private property. I'd. FinA Uy, Map N-1e incorrectly labels Mr. Miller's privately owned bridge, which crosses the Gunnison River at the Bridgeport area, as "administrative." I'd. Mr. Miller requests that the BLM correct these errors and mis-classifications.

Organization, commenter: Escalante Ranch, Kent Davis

Comment ID: 000000192-31

• Route number 460. This is a road to a lookout and is used to spot cattle. Don't close it.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 461

## Segment: 1718

Designation 

## Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 461

Organization, commenter: Katie Steele

Comment ID: 000000056-2

• On the Preferred Alternative E, I would like to make two suggestions on routes that have either been temporarily closed or access restricted. The first route is on the Hunting Grounds. It is the route that takes you to the dedication site for the NCA. It's an incredible overlook of the Gunnison River, the Loretta House and the Big Dominguez Canyon. The route numbers involved are: 2163, 2164, 3051, 461, 454 and 450. I understand this is proposed as a temporary closure for the preservation of cultural resources. But, instead of closing the routes until the resources can be protected, why not leave it open until funding, man power, etc. are obtained. Then only close the route for the short time it would take to actually do the work needed. This would eliminate the route being closed for an indefinite period of time.

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 463

### Segment: 2911

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 463

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 464

### Segment: 2909

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 464

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 465

#### Segment: 2907

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 465

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 467

#### Segment: 2906

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 467

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 468

#### Segment: 2904

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 468

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 469

#### Segment: 2903

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 469

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 47

### Segment: 2032

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 47

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 470

### Segment: 2901

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 470

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-2

• Hunting GroundsIn the Hunting Grounds area, a longer distance trail similar to Kokopelli's, Tabeguache, and Paradox Trails, would be of interest to this user group[COPMOBA]. Starting at the Old Spanish Trail in Orchard Mesa and ending in Delta, this trail idea is currently feasible when using a mix of single track, ATV width trail, jeep road and even Highway 50 for a few short sections. With very little trail construction making some connections to existing trails, nearly all of this highway use can be avoided. The major attraction of this area is the views from the rim above the Gunnison River in both directions. The existing trail and any trail construction should be routed to take advantage of this valuable view resource.The following recommendations are in the spirit of developing this long distance trail.Starting from the Kannah Creek area we recommend leaving 152 open to mountain bike use for a possible future connection to the lower Kannah Creek road. Possibilities included deeded access across private land, or new construction from the existing small portion of BLM land which the road accesses. Continuing, use existing full size and ATV trail to the end of 440, or a portion of 431 ,to access small drainage and then construct new trail to access Bridgeport Road. Then use 438, 449 and 2163 to access 2426 and 2427 to Dominguez Road (or 3098 and 3163 and then a very short new connector to 3133 out to highway) From Dominguez Road use 4000 to 3043, then single track 4001,4005,4006,4007 and 3148 to reach Escalante Road. Very nice vi ews ex ist in this area from the trail. The trail would then cross Escalante road to 2073 with a connection being built to 2053. This short deviation from the Escalante road would provide a safer route for mountain bikes than the twisty road with blind comers and high speed full size vehicles. The trail would cross the river on main bridge and immediatel y turn left and follow 2313, 2461 and 2462 with a connection to Delta via 2352, 470 2476 and 2489. This area using borders of the northern most point of the Escalante Rim, south to the Rim Road then using 2354 as the border on the west, the main county road on the east and then back down to the rim above river on the north would provide an xcellent mountain bike emphasis area for the Delta community. Visitors and local users could ride from town or drive a very short distance. Quiet Use trails are rare in this area and this topography would allow for a rewarding experience for hiker, horse and mountain bike users. This scenario would provide an area similar to the Lunch Loops and Mack Ridge areas. With a long distance rail anchoring a Quiet Use stack loop system of trails which are extremely popular and very beneficial to users and the community at trail at large

## Route: 472

### Segment: 2910

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 472

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692,

1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 473

### Segment: 2902

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 473

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 474

### Segment: 2896

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 474

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 475

### Segment: 2895

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 475

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 476

### Segment: 2898

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 476

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 477

### Segment: 2891

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 477

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 478

### Segment: 2897

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 478

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 48

### Segment: 2031

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50' wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 48

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 480

### Segment: 2893

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 480

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 481

### Segment: 2900

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 481

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 482

### Segment: 2886

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 482

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 483

#### Segment: 2894

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 483

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 484

#### Segment: 2889

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 484

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 485

### Segment: 2885

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 485

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 486

### Segment: 2884

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 486

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 487

### Segment: 2887

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 487

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 488

### Segment: 2882

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 488

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 489

#### Segment: 2880

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 489

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 490

#### Segment: 2879

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 490

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 491

### Segment: 2877

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 491

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 493

### Segment: 2890

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A

DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 493

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 494

### Segment: 2878

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 494

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 496

### Segment: 2874

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A

DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 496

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 497

### Segment: 2876

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 497

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 498

### Segment: 2872

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR – summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 498

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 499

### Segment: 2871

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR – summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 499

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 5

### Segment: 1115

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 13 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

## Public Comments On Route: 5

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-53

- [Dominguez Canyon Wilderness TMP-Level Comments]Zone 2]Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would also suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, with a future possibility of connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. Route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-59

- Wagon Park/Sawmill Mesa (North) TMP-Level Comments:Routes 1756-5-1593-1585: Quiet Trails Group would suggest keeping these routes open to horse and foot traffic, connecting to route 2610. This would make a great trail system for horseback riders and long distance hikers. This comment is predominantly related to Zone 2 of the Wilderness, however, as route 1756 starts in the Wagon Park area we have also included this comment here

## Route: 50

### Segment: 2020

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 50

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 500

### Segment: 2892

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 500

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 501

### Segment: 2873

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 501

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 506

#### Segment: 2881

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 506

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 507

#### Segment: 2863

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 507

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 508

### Segment: 2864

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 508

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-35

- 508-517 (north end of Ninemile Hill area east of 26): The end of this motorized route would make a great designated camping spot, especially if target shooting is prohibited from designated camping spots.

## Route: 509

### Segment: 2866

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 509

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 51

### Segment: 2051

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural
- Possible cultural mitigation

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 51

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 510

### Segment: 2862

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 510

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 511

### Segment: 2861

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 511

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 512

### Segment: 2859

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 512

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 513

### Segment: 2856

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative C: Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 513

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 514

### Segment: 2860

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative C: Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 514

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 515

### Segment: 2854

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 515

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 516

### Segment: 2857

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 516

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 517

### Segment: 2855

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 517

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-214

- 517 I would like to see Route 517 listed as leading to a designated campsite if the rule is adopted that there should be no target shooting at designated campsites. There has been repeated target shooting in the area that has totally trashed the place. After the area is cleaned up it would make a nice designated camp site

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-35

- 508-517 (north end of Ninemile Hill area east of 26): The end of this motorized route would make a great designated camping spot, especially if target shooting is prohibited from designated camping spots.

## Route: 518

### Segment: 2853

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 518

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 519

### Segment: 2852

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 519

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 52

### Segment: 2024

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 52

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 00000089-13

- The route with numbers 933, to 1105, to 1110, to 1017, to 998 had been an important route for ATV use. At the end of it a connection can be made without equipment to extend it over to route 52 and create a great loop. We know this because we have made the short walk between the two routes. This had been explained to BLM. The map shows it with a dotted line which indicates closed until mitigated. This is not acceptable nor necessary. It is also confusing because there is a bicycle emblem on the route.

## Route: 520

### Segment: 2849

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 520

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 521

### Segment: 2851

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 521

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 522

### Segment: 2858

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 522

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 523

### Segment: 2846

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs River Rims ACEC
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Segment: 2847

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 523

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 525

### Segment: 2845

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 525

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 526

### Segment: 2844

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 526

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 527

### Segment: 2842

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 527

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 529

### Segment: 2870

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 529

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 53

### Segment: 2743

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 53

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 530

### Segment: 2850

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 530

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 533

### Segment: 2838

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - SSS Plants

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 533

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 534

### Segment: 2837

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 534

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 535

### Segment: 2831

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 535

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 536

### Segment: 2830

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 536

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 537

### Segment: 2829

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 537

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 538

### Segment: 2827

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 538

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 539

### Segment: 2828

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 539

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 54

### Segment: 2737

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 54

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 540

#### Segment: 2835

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 540

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 541

#### Segment: 2824

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 541

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 542

### Segment: 2833

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 542

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 543

### Segment: 2821

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 543

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 544

### Segment: 2822

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 544

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 545

### Segment: 2820

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 545

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 546

### Segment: 2832

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 546

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 547

### Segment: 2819

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 547

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

- o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species

map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

## Route: 548

### Segment: 2826

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 548

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 549

### Segment: 2818

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 549

No public comments for this Route

## Route: 55

### Segment: 2742

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 55

No public comments for this Route

## Route: 550

### Segment: 2767

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 550

No public comments for this Route

## Route: 551

## Segment: 2763

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 551

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 552

### Segment: 2766

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 552

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 553

### Segment: 2765

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 553

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 554

### Segment: 2757

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 554

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 555

### Segment: 2755

## Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 555

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 556

### Segment: 2764

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 556

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 557

### Segment: 2759

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 557

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 558

### Segment: 2758

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 558

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 559

### Segment: 2756

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 559

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 56

### Segment: 2736

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 56

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 560

### Segment: 2762

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 560

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 562

### Segment: 2754

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 562

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 563

### Segment: 2753

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 563

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 564

### Segment: 2749

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 564

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 565

### Segment: 2751

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 565

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 566

### Segment: 2769

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Raptor Potential Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to protect potential raptor habitat

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 566

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345,

320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 567

### Segment: 2750

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 567

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 568

### Segment: 2748

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 568

| No public comments for this Route

## Route: 569

### Segment: 2761

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 569

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 570

### Segment: 2745

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 570

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 571

## Segment: 2746

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 571

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 572

### Segment: 2771

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 572

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 573

### Segment: 2741

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 573

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 574

### Segment: 2744

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 574

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 575

### Segment: 2711

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative C:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 575

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 576

### Segment: 2713

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative C:** Foot/Horse
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 576

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 577

### Segment: 2721

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 577

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 578

### Segment: 2717

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 578

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 579

### Segment: 2712

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 579

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 58

### Segment: 2738

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, Rec opportunities – general

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 58

| No public comments for this Route

## Route: 580

### Segment: 2716

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 580

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 582

### Segment: 2710

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 582

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 583

## Segment: 2706

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

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- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 583

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 584

### Segment: 2707

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

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- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 584

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 585

### Segment: 2705

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

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- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 585

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 586

### Segment: 2703

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 586

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 587

### Segment: 2714

## Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Foot/Horse

## Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

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## Route: 589

### Segment: 2708

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 589

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 59

### Segment: 2733

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 59

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 590

### Segment: 2704

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 590

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 591

### Segment: 2699

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 591

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 592

### Segment: 2700

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 592

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 594

### Segment: 2698

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 594

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 595

### Segment: 2702

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

## Public Comments On Route: 595

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 596

## Segment: 2695

Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Foot/Horse

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Vehicles under 50" wide

Alternative C: Foot/Horse

Alternative D: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 596

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 597

## Segment: 2693

Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 597

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 599

### Segment: 2692

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 599

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 6

### Segment: 788

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Wilderness

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Non-system route inside the wilderness.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 6

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 600

### Segment: 2694

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 600

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 601

### Segment: 2690

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 601

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 602

### Segment: 2689

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 602

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 604

### Segment: 2688

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 604

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 607

### Segment: 2685

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 607

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 608

### Segment: 2684

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 608

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 609

### Segment: 2696

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 609

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## Route: 61

### Segment: 2732

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 61

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 610

### Segment: 2682

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 610

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 611

### Segment: 2681

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
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## Public Comments On Route: 611

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## Route: 612

### Segment: 2677

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 612

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 613

### Segment: 2678

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

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### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 613

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 614

### Segment: 2671

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 614

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 618

#### Segment: 2664

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 618

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 62

#### Segment: 2760

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 62

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 620

### Segment: 2670

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 620

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 621

### Segment: 2668

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 621

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-38

• 739 (near south end of Ninemile Hill area north of 26): This connector to the proposed horse/foot trails should be left open to horse/foot so that horseback riders and hikers can proceed from 738 to 733, and proceeding north-ward on the proposed horse/foot trails until reaching 621 and then returning to the starting point via 26. This forms a nice loop, approximately 7 miles in length, with varied views and terrain. Such a connector would also allow other longer loops

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

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## Route: 622

### Segment: 2669

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 622

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 623

### Segment: 2660

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 623

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 624

### Segment: 2680

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 624

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

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## Route: 625

### Segment: 2653

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 625

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 626

### Segment: 2654

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
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##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 626

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 627

### Segment: 2656

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 627

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 628

### Segment: 2659

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move to the edge of Sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 628

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 629

### Segment: 2645

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 629

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 63

### Segment: 2731

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 63

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 631

### Segment: 2635

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 631

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 632

### Segment: 2641

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 632

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 633

### Segment: 2633

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 633

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 635

### Segment: 2646

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 635

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 638

### Segment: 2615

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 638

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 639

### Segment: 2623

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
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- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
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#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 3177

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 639

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 64

### Segment: 2727

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 64

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 640

### Segment: 2612

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 640

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 641

### Segment: 2643

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 641

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

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## Route: 642

### Segment: 2609

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 642

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 643

### Segment: 2608

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 643

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 645

### Segment: 2611

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 645

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 646

### Segment: 2599

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 646

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 648

### Segment: 2610

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 648

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 649

### Segment: 2602

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 649

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

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## Route: 65

### Segment: 2740

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game summer concentration areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 65

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 650

### Segment: 2588

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 650

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 651

### Segment: 2596

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 651

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 652

### Segment: 2616

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 652

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 653

### Segment: 2587

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 653

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 654

### Segment: 2622

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 654

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 656

### Segment: 2592

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 656

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 657

### Segment: 2570

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 657

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 659

### Segment: 2558

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 659

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 66

### Segment: 2747

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move to the edge of Sagebrush

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 66

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 660

### Segment: 2557

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Segment: 2581

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 660

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 662

### Segment: 2560

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 662

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 663

## Segment: 2538

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 663

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 665

## Segment: 2552

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Segment: 2577

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 665

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 666

### Segment: 2539

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 666

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 667

### Segment: 2535

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 667

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 668

### Segment: 2529

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 668

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 669

### Segment: 2526

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 669

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 67

### Segment: 2728

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 67

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 670

### Segment: 2530

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 670

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 671

### Segment: 2525

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 671

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 672

### Segment: 2524

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 672

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 673

### Segment: 2583

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 673

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 674

### Segment: 2527

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 674

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 675

### Segment: 2528

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 675

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 676

### Segment: 2531

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Public Comments On Route: 676

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

- 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific issue or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife photography & some hiking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail that's OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion beetle and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

### Route: 677

#### Segment: 2522

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 677

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 678

#### Segment: 2521

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 678

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 68

### Segment: 2724

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 68

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 680

### Segment: 2497

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 680

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-37

- 687, 680 (near south end of Ninemile Hill area west of 26): This spur should be left open to motorized as a parking area until future parking/staging areas are developed nearby

## Route: 682

### Segment: 2496

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 682

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 683

### Segment: 2499

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 683

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 684

### Segment: 2493

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 684

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 685

### Segment: 2491

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 685

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 687

### Segment: 2494

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 687

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-37

- 687, 680 (near south end of Ninemile Hill area west of 26): This spur should be left open to motorized as a parking area until future parking/staging areas are developed nearby

## Route: 688

## Segment: 2487

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 688

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 69

### Segment: 2720

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 69

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 690

### Segment: 2513

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 690

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 691

### Segment: 2467

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 691

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 692

### Segment: 2448

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 692

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 693

### Segment: 2447

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 693

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 694

### Segment: 2437

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 694

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 696

### Segment: 2436

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move to the edge of Sagebrush

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 696

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 697

### Segment: 2443

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 697

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-241

- Route 697 should be shown in the KML version as connecting to 26. I really enjoyed a hike along this route when combined with 700, 708, 720, 738 and 26. I was there with a group of 7 friends and the views and quiet were enjoyed by all. For many they had their first look at the entrance to Cactus Park as their low-clearance cars normally keep from accessing that area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-27

- Signage Need: During a recent hike into this area we noticed that on-site Tabeguache Trail signs led us to believe that this historic mountain biking trail travels along Routes 697, 700, 708, 720, 738, 739 and 744. This is not consistent with TMP maps included in this plan. We recommend that BLM ensure that on-the-ground, and on-the-map signage is consistent. Whether or not the aforementioned routes are in fact the Tabeguache Trail, we would be happy to see them remain open to Mountain bike, horse and foot' travel in the final plan

## Route: 698

### Segment: 2421

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

### Public Comments On Route: 698

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 699

#### Segment: 2422

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 699

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 7

#### Segment: 2019

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 7

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 70

#### Segment: 2719

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 70

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 700

#### Segment: 2420

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 700

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-241

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Comment ID: 00000115-27

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## Route: 701

### Segment: 2406

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 701

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 702

### Segment: 2404

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 702

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 703

### Segment: 2400

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 703

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 704

### Segment: 2401

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 704

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 705

### Segment: 2399

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 705

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 706

### Segment: 2523

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move to the edge of Sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 2490

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move to the edge of Sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 706

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 708

### Segment: 2407

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 708

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-241

• Route 697 should be shown in the KML version as connecting to 26. I really enjoyed a hike along this route when combined with 700, 708, 720, 738 and 26. I was there with a group of 7 friends and the views and quiet were enjoyed by all. For many they had their first look at the entrance to Cactus Park as their low-clearance cars normally keep from accessing that area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-27

• Signage Need: During a recent hike into this area we noticed that on-site Tabeguache Trail signs led us to believe that this historic mountain biking trail travels along Routes 697, 700, 708, 720, 738, 739 and 744. This is not consistent with TMP maps included in this plan. We recommend that BLM ensure that on-the-ground, and on-the-map signage is consistent. Whether or not the aforementioned routes are in fact the Tabeguache Trail, we would be happy to see them remain open to Mountain bike, horse and foot' travel in the final plan

## Route: 709

### Segment: 2398

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 709

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 71

### Segment: 2722

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 71

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 711

### Segment: 2395

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 711

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 712

### Segment: 2391

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 712

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 713

### Segment: 2388

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 713

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 715

### Segment: 2385

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 715

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 716

### Segment: 2397

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 716

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 717

### Segment: 2384

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 717

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 718

### Segment: 2378

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 718

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 719

### Segment: 2381

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 719

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 72

### Segment: 2726

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 72

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 720

### Segment: 2394

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 720

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-104

- The Tabeguache Trail is a well-known attraction for mountain bikers to the Grand Junction area. This trail passes through Ninemile Hill. On a recent hike to the south section of Ninemile Hill it appears that the BLM's Alternative E is proposing to convert some of the currently signed Tabeguache Trail to be horse and foot only. This doesn't make sense. Routes 720, 739 and 744 have signage for the Tabeguache Trail, so these sections of existing routes should remain open to mountain bike as well as horse and foot. Converting some of that to single track would be appealing to Tabegauche bicycle riders. (Mountain bike riders seem to prefer single track over 2 tracks, while I find hikers are happy hiking on non-motorized two tracks).

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-241

- Route 697 should be shown in the KML version as connecting to 26. I really enjoyed a hike along this route when combined with 700, 708, 720, 738 and 26. I was there with a group of 7 friends and the views and quiet were enjoyed by all. For many they had their first look at the entrance to Cactus Park as their low-clearance cars normally keep from accessing that area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-27

- Signage Need: During a recent hike into this area we noticed that on-site Tabeguache Trail signs led us to believe that this historic mountain biking trail travels along Routes 697, 700, 708, 720, 738, 739 and 744. This is not consistent with TMP maps included in this plan. We recommend that BLM ensure that on-the-ground, and on-the-map signage is consistent. Whether or not the aforementioned routes are in fact the Tabeguache Trail, we would be happy to see them remain open to Mountain bike, horse and foot' travel in the final plan

## Route: 721

### Segment: 2375

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 721

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 722

### Segment: 2377

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 722

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 723

### Segment: 2373

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 723

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 724

### Segment: 2369

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 724

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 725

### Segment: 2368

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 725

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 726

### Segment: 2405

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 726

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 728

### Segment: 2372

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 728

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 73

### Segment: 2715

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 73

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 730

### Segment: 2379

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 730

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 731

## Segment: 2354

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 731

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 733

### Segment: 2376

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 733

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-38

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## Route: 735

### Segment: 2338

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 735

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 738

### Segment: 2374

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 738

Organization, commenter: Jeffery Fleming

Comment ID: 000000105-6

- New trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-241

- Route 697 should be shown in the KML version as connecting to 26. I really enjoyed a hike along this route when combined with 700, 708, 720, 738 and 26. I was there with a group of 7 friends and the views and quiet were enjoyed by all. For many they had their first look at the entrance to Cactus Park as their low-clearance cars normally keep from accessing that area.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-27

- Signage Need: During a recent hike into this area we noticed that on-site Tabeguache Trail signs led us to believe that this historic mountain biking trail travels along Routes 697, 700, 708, 720, 738, 739 and 744. This is not consistent with TMP maps included in this plan. We recommend that BLM ensure that on-the-ground, and on-the-map signage is consistent. Whether or not the aforementioned routes are in fact the Tabeguache Trail, we would be happy to see them remain open to Mountain bike, horse and foot travel in the final plan

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-38

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Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-4

- Cactus Park New trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions. We [COPMOBA] agree with 1728 and 1725 as accessible for mountain bike due to the trail being managed as such after crossing National Forest land boundary

## Route: 739

### Segment: 2341

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 739

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-104

- The Tabeguache Trail is a well-known attraction for mountain bikers to the Grand Junction area. This trail passes through Ninemile Hill. On a recent hike to the south section of Ninemile Hill it appears that the BLM's Alternative E is proposing to convert some of the currently signed Tabeguache Trail to be horse and foot only. This doesn't make sense. Routes 720, 739 and 744 have signage for the Tabeguache Trail, so these sections of existing routes should remain open to mountain bike as well as horse and foot. Converting some of that to single track would be appealing to Tabeguache bicycle riders. (Mountain bike riders seem to prefer single track over 2 tracks, while I find hikers are happy hiking on non-motorized two tracks).

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-27

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Comment ID: 000000115-38

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## Route: 74

### Segment: 2718

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 74

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 741

### Segment: 2359

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move to the edge of Sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 741

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

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## Route: 742

### Segment: 2329

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 742

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 743

### Segment: 2403

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
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##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

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## Public Comments On Route: 743

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

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## Route: 744

### Segment: 2340

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 744

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-104

- The Tabeguache Trail is a well-known attraction for mountain bikers to the Grand Junction area. This trail passes through Ninemile Hill. On a recent hike to the south section of Ninemile Hill it appears that the BLM's Alternative E is proposing to convert some of the currently signed Tabeguache Trail to be horse and foot only. This doesn't make sense. Routes 720, 739 and 744 have signage for the Tabeguache Trail, so these sections of existing routes should remain open to mountain bike as well as horse and foot. Converting some of that to single track would be appealing to Tabeguache bicycle riders. (Mountain bike riders seem to prefer single track over 2 tracks, while I find hikers are happy hiking on non-motorized two tracks).

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-27

- Signage Need: During a recent hike into this area we noticed that on-site Tabeguache Trail signs led us to believe that this historic mountain biking trail travels along Routes 697, 700, 708, 720, 738, 739 and 744. This is not consistent with TMP maps included in this plan. We recommend that BLM ensure that on-the-ground, and on-the-map signage is consistent. Whether or not the aforementioned routes are in fact the Tabeguache Trail, we would be happy to see them remain open to Mountain bike, horse and foot' travel in the final plan

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

- 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific is sure or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potoghrping & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

### Route: 745

#### Segment: 2335

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 745

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 746

## Segment: 2319

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 746

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 747

### Segment: 2320

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 747

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 748

### Segment: 2323

### Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 748

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 749

### Segment: 2328

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 749

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 75

### Segment: 2723

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse

**Alternative D:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

## Public Comments On Route: 75

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 750

### Segment: 2313

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 750

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 751

### Segment: 2306

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 751

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 752

### Segment: 2305

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 752

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 753

### Segment: 2317

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 753

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 754

### Segment: 2273

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- LANDS Right of Way
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Sage-Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 754

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 755

### Segment: 2278

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 755

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 1226, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 757

### Segment: 2295

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 757

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 76

### Segment: 2307

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 76

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 761

### Segment: 2252

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 761

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 762

### Segment: 2253

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 762

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 763

### Segment: 2246

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 763

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 764

### Segment: 2258

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 764

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 765

### Segment: 2250

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 765

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 766

### Segment: 2247

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 766

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 767

### Segment: 2257

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 767

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 769

### Segment: 2284

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cactus – reduce density within 200m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce the density of routes within 200 meters of known Colorado hookless Cactus occurrences.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 769

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 77

### Segment: 2294

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 77

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 773

### Segment: 2261

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 773

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 774

### Segment: 2233

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 774

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 775

### Segment: 2229

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 775

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 776

### Segment: 2230

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Route Does not Exist

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 776

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 777

### Segment: 2240

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 777

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 778

### Segment: 2235

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gunnison Gravels ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 778

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 779

### Segment: 2245

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 779

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 78

### Segment: 2299

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 78

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 781

### Segment: 2215

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 781

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 783

### Segment: 2216

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 783

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 786

### Segment: 2201

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gunnison Gravels ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD
- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Segment: 2220

## Designation

### Current Designation

Foot Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gunnison Gravels ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD
- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 2222

## Designation

### Current Designation

Route Does not Exist

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 786

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-229

- Routes 786, 787: Despite some strong efforts by the BLM to install a barrier, on a recent hike (9/9/2013) we observed fresh ATV tracks on 786 and 787.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-4

- Route Density Reductions: Maintaining a rural, western setting is critical to all recreational experiences within the NCA and to the legacy of this landscape. As such, we strongly support the elimination of redundant routes proposed in the preferred alternative.d. Non-Motorized Trail Network: We would like to see a network of non-motorized trails located throughout the NCA and are pleased that for the most part this desire is accommodated in BLM's preferred alternative whether it is through language indicating the future development of non-motorized routes or the designation of some existing routes as non-motorized in the draft Travel Plan. We fully recognize that this NCA is multiple-use in nature and so acknowledge that in many instances recreationists will need to collectively share routes, however the quality of our experience is greatly enhanced by having some routes located in quiet-settings. oTo elaborate, we envision that this system will include some routes which are shared with motorized users and which provide connectivity to segments located within entirely quiet settings or to segments in semi-quiet areas in which motorized routes may run in parallel. Further, we envision that this network will provide opportunities for non-motorized single-day excursions in addition to non-motorized multi-day excursions!o As a quick example, we are very pleased with the Ninemile Hill ERMA which is included in the preferred alternative. Targeted activities include horseback riding, hiking and dispersed camping. Future trail development will be non-motorized and we are very excited about the quiet, day-use opportunities to be found here (not to mention theintro-to backpacking/horsepacking' which the ERMA can provide, assuming of course that some of the designated campsites are only accessible from non-motorized

routes!). However we also recognize and respect the need for, and management of, some continued motorized access in this region and we are happy to accommodate motorized use on those routes suggested in the preferred alternative. On the other hand, we are concerned about the lack of designated and future non-motorized routes within the Cactus Park SRMA as it represents about 13% of the NCA and only includes two short non-motorized routes in Alternative E. (Route 786 near Gunnison Gravels - is about .15 miles long and Route 1734 (near High Park) is about .21 miles long - for a total of about 1/3 of a mile of non-motorized routes.) See pages 9 and 10 for some proposals to address this deficiency.

## Route: 787

### Segment: 2221

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gunnison Gravels ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect unique and sensitive geological resources in the Gunnison Gravels ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 787

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-17

- I have a concern about dropping the Gunnison Gravels ACEC status. The BLM has indicated at an Advisory Council meeting that adequate fencing exists to protect the site. While I don't think that the fencing needs to be extended to the size of area depicted in either Alt A or Alt D, I believe the size of the area protected by current fencing is too small and that it needs to be expanded to include the slope within the gravels area. For example from repeated and ongoing use, erosion is happening on the gravels in the area of NW segment of route 787 (despite efforts to fence off access from the parking lot). A new route is forming on the SE side of the parking lot fence. Unless other less visibly intrusive means of blocking motorized use of routes 787, 795 and 805 can be found, I would support expanding the fenced in area to include all of 787, 795 and 805 and other traversable slopes around the gravels.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-229

- Routes 786, 787: Despite some strong efforts by the BLM to install a barrier, on a recent hike (9/9/2013) we observed fresh ATV tracks on 786 and 787.

## Route: 79

### Segment: 2314

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

#### **Public Comments On Route: 79**

- No public comments for this Route

#### **Route: 790**

##### **Segment: 2223**

#### **Designation**

##### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

##### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### **Rationale**

##### **Designation Criteria**

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

#### **Public Comments On Route: 790**

- No public comments for this Route

#### **Route: 792**

##### **Segment: 2192**

#### **Designation**

##### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

##### **Mitigation Criteria**

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### **Planning Criteria**

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### **Rationale**

##### **Designation Criteria**

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### **Rationale for Decision**

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 792

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 794

### Segment: 2187

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 794

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 795

### Segment: 2198

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gunnison Gravels ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD

##### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect unique and sensitive geological resources in the Gunnison Gravels ACEC

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 795

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-17

- I have a concern about dropping the Gunnison Gravels ACEC status. The BLM has indicated at an Advisory Council meeting that adequate fencing exists to protect the site. While I don't think that the fencing needs to be extended to the size of area depicted in either Alt A or Alt D, I believe the size of the area protected by current fencing is too small and that it needs to be expanded to include the slope within the gravels area. For example from repeated and ongoing use, erosion is happening on the gravels in the area of NW segment of route 787 (despite efforts to fence off access from the parking lot). A new route is forming on the SE side of the parking lot fence. Unless other less visibly intrusive means of blocking motorized use of routes 787, 795 and 805 can be found, I would support expanding the fenced in area to include all of 787, 795 and 805 and other traversable slopes around the gravels.

## Route: 796

### Segment: 2186

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 796

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 797

### Segment: 2185

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 797

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 798

### Segment: 2189

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 798

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 799

### Segment: 2207

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 799

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 8

### Segment: 1628

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Segment: 1841

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1845

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1916

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2036

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 2063

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open, seek re-route or mitigation

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural
- Riparian

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2171

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 2157

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 2172

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Segment: 2141

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

### Segment: 1155

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1172

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1202

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1241

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1251

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1269

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1286

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1287

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1339

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1400

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1423

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer winter concentration areas
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1445

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1515

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1540

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B: Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C: Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D: Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1562

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D: Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1633

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D: Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1641

### Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1656

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1758

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1771

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1788

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 1800

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 1808

### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1926

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1941

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1954

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1976

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 1984

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2005

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- GEOPALEO Paleontological direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Segment: 2014

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2017

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2049

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2055

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate

- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2070

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2119

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Segment: 2125

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 8

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 00000089-10

Routes such as the Gibler Gulch route, Farmer Canyon routes and the main routes in Wagon Park should remain open in December and January. A more prudent closure, if even needed, would be during "mud season" in the area. I would propose this to be from Mid February to April. BLM should tell Parks & Wildlife that this approach would make much more sense and accomplish the same thing as a five month closure.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy

Pondersa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Pondersa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

• Gibbler Gulch/Gibbler MountainThe following are route recommendations for Gibbler Gulch and Gibbler Mountain which together make a nice amount of relatively undisturbed open space and habitat. This area is less roaded and fragmented than other parts of Cactus Park NCA unit. It may be less impacted by grazing than other areas and harbors critical big game habitat. Hoping to send you maps next week showing these areas. In particular I recommend keeping recreational use out of all the creek drainages in the upper Gibbler Gulch area, and closing roads on the adjacent mesas. Putting a motorized or mountain bike route over Gibbler Mountain would irreversibly change the natural quality, silence and solitude of this remote landscape. Lands that are currently undeveloped should stay that way as so much land in the NCA is criss-crossed with routes and trails.For example there is potential for retaining the remote "open space" setting of Gibbler Mountain, as specified in the 2007 Colorado BLM Recreation and Visitor Strategy, by closing 1227(!) (especially), 1269, 1309, 2674, 2673, 1249, 1171, 981, 980, 1150, 1154, 977, 979, 1312, 1310, 1334, 1330, 1344, 1286, 1242, 1213, 1238, 1242, 1204, 1213, 1239, 1214, 1212, 1200, 1263, 1204, 1198, 1187, 1210. Limit motorized traffic to roads 15 and 8. Similarly, there is potential for a large unmotorized area extending west from road 15 and Gibbler Gulch on the east, to road 8 on the west. To create an undisturbed nonmotorized area I recommend closing routes 1526, 2666, 1571, 2665, 1608, 1570, 1605, 1561, 1516, 1606, 1561, 1609 1633, 2664, 2663, 1412, 1424, 1456 1434, 1513, 1249, 1269.Many of these are duplicative, serve no purpose, or are dead ends, simply pioneered randomly, and should be closed.

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-38

• The following are comments on two hard copy maps I am sending today through the mail.Map 1 - Road Densities by watershedThis map shows varying road densities with the DENCA.The watershed in section 1, circled on the map, has high road densities, 2.6 4 miles per square mile, that need to be reduced to restore the fragmented landscape. This is the Farmer Canyon, Gibbler Gulch area.The watershed found in section 2, circled on the map, has extremely high route densities, up to almost 7 miles per square mile. It is extremely important that the BLM reduce densities in this area, Cactus Park, which are affecting watershed health.The watershed found in section 3, circled on the map, is in the Hunting Ground unit and has moderate route densities, 1/7 2.6 miles per square mile, that likewise need to be reduced, closing duplicate and unnecessary routes, and adding no new routes.The water shed in section 4, circled on the map covers and Sawmill Mesa-Sowbelly Ridge unit of the NCA. It has the lowest route densities per square mile, which should be maintained.Map 2 - Overlapping Sensitive Species Habitat and CNHP Potential Conservation AreasThis map shows areas of very high overlap, red, and high overlap, dark yellow. The red areas are located in the Wilderness and at the mouth of Big Dominguez Creek. The largest of the dark yellow areas (high concentrations of sensitive species) is in the Gibbler Gulch area of the Cactus Park unit, an area where my letter recommends multiple route closures to restore and protect the less motorized character of this landscape.

List of photos taken in Cactus Park August 22, 2011Photo-point explanation1. Only the last two digits of the numbered photographs are marked on the map except for 0705 and 0707 at the end of the list.2. Photos 60 77 were taken along Route 8 on the Cactus Park map (found on the DENCA website). Route 8 is shown in purple and starts south of Cactus Park Road, #15.3. Photos 82 - 95 were taken on Route 1235 branching east off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mt. Route 1235 is found on both the Cactus Park map and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park map on the DENCA website. 4. On the Farmers Canyon map, Route 1235 joins routes 1236, 1228 and 1409 until it connects with 1221. 5. The route numbers used here are from the web maps and may not correspond with the route numbers on Lee's paper maps.6. Photo 0707 was taken along Route 26, near the northeast corner of the Gunnison Bluffs Citizen Proposed wildernessList of Photo-points drawn on the Cactus Park and Farmers Canyon/Wagon Park maps (found on the DENCA website):0660 User-created tracks, soil disturbance on Route 80661 User-created motorcycle tracks, area is remote and difficult to patrol0662 Braided tracks, cryptogammic soil disturbance, rough road 0665 One of few less jolting sections of road 0672 View of Gibbler Mountain from the west. Gibbler Mountain is a 3000 acre unfragmented habitat area currently undisturbed by any roads or trails. It lends itself to designation as an untrailed, nonmotorized primitive area. 0674 View of Gibbler Mountain from the south 0675 View to the west from the same location on Route 8 0677 Closer view from the south 0682 Route narrows to ATV width here on Route 1235 where it branches off Route 8 south of Gibbler Mountain. 0684 Same 0689 View south from same spot into Gibbler Gulch and Dominguez Canyon on the far horizon. Gibbler Gulch forms another 3000 acre untrailed, unfragmented area which, if ATV route 1235 were closed, could be joined together with Gibbler Mountain, to create a 6000 acre non-motorized primitive area 0695 Same0699 View of Route 8 0705 More braiding and soil damage on Route 80707 North end of Cactus Park accessed by the gravel quarry road

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 80

### Segment: 2296

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 80

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 800

#### Segment: 2182

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 800

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 801

#### Segment: 2181

##### Designation [?](#)

###### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

###### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

###### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

##### Rationale

###### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

###### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

##### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 801

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 802

### Segment: 2184

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 802

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 803

### Segment: 2179

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 803

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 804

### Segment: 2212

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 804

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 805

### Segment: 2199

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMAs Gunnison Gravels ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC-Gunni Gravels-PSD

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect unique and sensitive geological resources in the Gunnison Gravels ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 805

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-17

- I have a concern about dropping the Gunnison Gravels ACEC status. The BLM has indicated at an Advisory Council meeting that adequate fencing exists to protect the site. While I don't think that the fencing needs to be extended to the size of area depicted in either Alt A or Alt D, I believe the size of the area protected by current fencing is too small and that it needs to be expanded to include the slope within the gravels area. For example from repeated and ongoing use, erosion is happening on the gravels in the area of NW segment of route 787 (despite efforts to fence off access from the parking lot). A new route is forming on the SE side of the parking lot fence. Unless other less visibly intrusive means of blocking motorized use of routes 787, 795 and 805 can be found, I would support expanding the fenced in area to include all of 787, 795 and 805 and other traversable slopes around the gravels.

### Route: 806

#### Segment: 2176

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 806

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 807

#### Segment: 2177

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 807

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 808

### Segment: 2174

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 808

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 809

### Segment: 2178

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 809

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 81

### Segment: 2312

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 81

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 810

### Segment: 2175

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 810

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 811

### Segment: 2180

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: 811

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 812

#### Segment: 2169

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 812

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 813

#### Segment: 2224

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 813

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

- [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 815

### Segment: 2167

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 815

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 816

### Segment: 2166

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 816

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 817

#### Segment: 2170

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 817

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 818

### Segment: 2155

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 818

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 820

### Segment: 2168

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 820

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-238

- Route 820 continues to the property line. I support closing this route as I don't think private property owners should have their own private access to BLM land. I have concerns that this user created road is inflicting damage on NCA resources including biological and cultural.

## Route: 822

### Segment: 2153

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 822

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 823

### Segment: 2149

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 823

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 824

### Segment: 2173

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 824

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 825

### Segment: 2159

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, Sage-Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 825

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 829

### Segment: 2139

#### Designation ?

## Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 829

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 830

### Segment: 2183

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 830

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-44

• 1292, 1315, 1331, 1340 (Easternmob' flanked to the south by Triangle Mesa and to the north by the Ninemile Hill ERMA): A recommendation for these routes be left open for hike and horse was included in the QTG's scoping comments. In the draft's preferred alternative they are slated for closure. The QTG again states our interest in this being left open for quiet users, but we expand that list to include mountain bikers. We envision this route being extended to continue around the rim, eventually crossing 1192, before continuing along the rim northward as part of a long rim quiet trail within Ninemile Hill. Once reaching the Ninemile Hill ERMA, after crossing route 830, the rim route would change to just horse and foot to be consistent with the objectives of the ERMA. This is consistent with our recommendation of eliminating overlap between the ATV SRMA and the Bighorn Sheep Production, Winter and Summer Areas

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

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Organization, commenter: James Riddell

Comment ID: 00000123-4

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## Route: 831

### Segment: 2140

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 831

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 833

### Segment: 2135

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 833

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 834

### Segment: 2148

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 834

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 835

### Segment: 2147

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR

**Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 835

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 836

### Segment: 2131

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 836

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 837

### Segment: 2132

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

**Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

### Public Comments On Route: 837

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 838

#### Segment: 2156

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 838

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

- 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific issue or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potoghrping & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

### Route: 839

#### Segment: 2127

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 839

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 84

### Segment: 2287

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
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- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

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**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 84

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 841

### Segment: 2126

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- Cultural

### Planning Criteria

RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 841

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 842

### Segment: 2165

## Designation ?

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Cultural – SSR within 100m sites, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 842

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

- [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 845

### Segment: 2152

## Designation

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 845

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 847

### Segment: 2158

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 847

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

- The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624,

609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

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Organization, commenter: James Riddell

Comment ID: 000000123-4

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Organization, commenter: None

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Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

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## Route: 848

### Segment: 2134

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing

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- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
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## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 848

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-79

• [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

Organization, commenter: James Riddell

Comment ID: 00000123-4

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Organization, commenter: James Riddell

Comment ID: 00000123-5

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Organization, commenter: None

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## Route: 849

### Segment: 2122

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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## Public Comments On Route: 849

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 85

### Segment: 2285

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR – summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 85

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 851

### Segment: 2144

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 3 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

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## Public Comments On Route: 851

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 852

### Segment: 2118

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 852

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 853

#### Segment: 2124

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 853

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 856

#### Segment: 2112

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 856

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 857

#### Segment: 2104

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 857

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 858

#### Segment: 2107

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 858

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 859

### Segment: 2123

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 859

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 86

### Segment: 2279

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50' wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 86

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 860

### Segment: 2117

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 860

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 861

### Segment: 2103

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 861

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 862

### Segment: 2111

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 862

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 863

### Segment: 2093

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 863

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 864

### Segment: 2109

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 864

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 866

### Segment: 2089

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 866

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 867

### Segment: 2087

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 867

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 868

### Segment: 2090

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 868

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 869

### Segment: 2116

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 869

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 87

### Segment: 2292

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 87

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 870

### Segment: 2088

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 870

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 871

### Segment: 2084

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 871

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 872

## Segment: 2085

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 872

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 873

### Segment: 2077

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 873

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 874

### Segment: 2083

### Designation

## Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 874

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 875

### Segment: 2106

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 875

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 876

### Segment: 2078

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 876

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 877

### Segment: 2074

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 877

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 878

### Segment: 2075

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 878

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 880

##### Segment: 2082

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 880

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 881

##### Segment: 2091

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 881

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 882

### Segment: 2071

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 882

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 884

### Segment: 2072

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range

- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 884

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 887

### Segment: 2062

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 887

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

- o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

- o Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872." are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent

hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 888

### Segment: 2069

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general, Rec opportunities - specific

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 888

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 889

### Segment: 2073

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 889

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 89

### Segment: 2281

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 89

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 890

### Segment: 2143

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m, Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 890

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 893

### Segment: 2099

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 893

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 894

### Segment: 2058

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, Cultural – SSR within 100m sites
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to minimize impacts to cultural resources.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 894

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 895

### Segment: 2076

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 895

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 896

### Segment: 2079

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 896

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 897

### Segment: 2056

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Closed (Not Rehabbed)

Alternative C: Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 897

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 898

### Segment: 2065

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Sage-Minimize fragmentation, GUSG –PSD in winter habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to minimize fragmentation of Gunnison sage-grouse habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 898

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 90

### Segment: 2276

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 90

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 900

### Segment: 2130

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 900

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 901

### Segment: 2067

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 901

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 902

### Segment: 2064

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 902

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 903

#### Segment: 2068

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 903

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 904

#### Segment: 2048

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 904

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 905

### Segment: 2057

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 905

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 906

### Segment: 2053

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 906

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 907

### Segment: 2081

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 907

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 908

### Segment: 2095

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 908

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 909

### Segment: 2045

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 909

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 910

### Segment: 2038

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 910

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 911

### Segment: 2059

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** GUSG –PSD in winter habitat, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 911

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 913

### Segment: 2046

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 913

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 914

#### Segment: 2042

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 914

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 915

#### Segment: 2037

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 915

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 916

##### Segment: 2047

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

#### Public Comments On Route: 916

- No public comments for this Route

#### Route: 917

##### Segment: 2044

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Rec opportunities - specific, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 917

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 918

### Segment: 2115

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural
- Possible cultural mitigation

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 17 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Direct impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 918

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 919

### Segment: 2128

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 919

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 921

### Segment: 2041

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 921

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 923

## Segment: 2092

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 923

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 924

### Segment: 2080

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 924

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

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## Route: 925

### Segment: 2039

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 925

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 926

### Segment: 2043

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 926

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 929

### Segment: 1997

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 929

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 93

### Segment: 2286

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 93

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-212

- 208-195-186-182-243-257-262-253-240-221-198 I support the Quiet Trail Group's position of designating this loop for quiet trail users. The top segments 208-195-186-176 should be Mtn Bike, to connect with the Alt E proposed designation for 182-243. Note that 243 should not be designated Motorcycle as it is in Alt E as it is a short segment connecting two Mtn Bike routes. The rest of the loop should be Horse/foot as shown in Alt E. This approximately 4 mile loop makes a great short enjoyable hike. I've even done it with a group of friends on a July morning. The city high that day was 93. We finished the hike in the morning when the temperatures were still moderate. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together at a restaurant on Orchard Mesa (local economic benefit). It is important to me to have easy access to such short quiet use loops within the NCA that are close to the city so that my friends and I can get some exercise together while enjoying each other's company even in summer months. On the height of land crossed by 240, there is a wonderful view back down the valley. The track blends in and the valley looks pristine and untouched by humans. It gives me a small sense of what it must have been like to be the first explorer here. I'd love to find other trails like this. Near 176, there is a pretty little dry fall. And the rock in the area is a conglomerate which is such an interesting contrast to vast amounts of sandstone. On foot it is fun to find such interesting anomalies. That is what is so great about hiking on 186-176-182, you have time to see the contrast and recognize the uniqueness of the area. There's time for my friends and me to admire the power of natural forces. We like this hike because of the sense of discovery of small and large details about the geology of the area.

## Route: 932

### Segment: 1998

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 932

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 933

### Segment: 2002

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 933

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 00000089-13

- The route with numbers 933, to 1105, to 1110, to 1017, to 998 had been an important route for ATV use. At the end of it a connection can be made without equipment to extend it over to route 52 and create a great loop. We know this because we have made the short walk between the two routes. This had been explained to BLM. The map shows it with a dotted line which indicates closed until mitigated. This is not acceptable nor necessary. It is also confusing because there is a bicycle emblem on the route.

## Route: 935

### Segment: 1996

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

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- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
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- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 935

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 936

### Segment: 2001

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 936

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

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## Route: 937

### Segment: 1992

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 937

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 938

### Segment: 1990

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 938

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 939

#### Segment: 2010

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 939

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 940

#### Segment: 1987

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 940

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 941

#### Segment: 1721

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Segment: 1725

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%

- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1782

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 2 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1801

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A

- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn - production area, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1847

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn - production area, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1895

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Big game production areas
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Lands with wilderness characteristics
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- **Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn - production area, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 2029

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn - production area, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 2028

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing perennial stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- SMA Wild and Scenic River area
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Riparian - perennial streams SSR 100 m
- Minimize Harassment:** Bighorn - production area, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 941

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 00000103-9

• I would like to see trail #'s 941 & #974 remain open to atv use. This is a great ride down to the rivers' edge, on a slightly challenging trail.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-247

• For the Gunnison Slopes it is not sufficient to rely on topology to protect the area from user-created road intrusions. You can see that from the existence of routes 1039, 1018 and 1019. At the very least to protect Gunnison Slopes a locked gate and fencing should be added at the intersection of routes 941 and 1192. The protection of the bighorn sheep production area is paramount to the long-term health and well-being of the bighorn sheep herds.

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-7

• I believe The Cactus Park ATV SRMA should not include Gibbler Mountain nor the roadless area surrounding Gibbler Mountain (see more comments later about Gibbler Mtn). Also I believe The Cactus Park ATV RMA should not include the roadless area bounded by 941 and 1192. While recreation was part of the Omnibus act that created the NCA, it should be included in a balanced way. Protecting roadless spaces in an area viewable by people enjoying ATVing seems to me like a great balance. "Look at that great view!" should be included in their enjoyment of the NCA.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-79

• [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

Organization, commenter: Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Dale Znamenack

Comment ID: 00000130-1

• Trail Number(s): 941 Trail Name: Click here to enter text. Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring, photography, multi-use recreation Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): Click here to enter text. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This route allows me to complete a loop near the wilderness boundary. This gives me opportunities to enjoy a combination of activities, as I can park my vehicle near the boundary and then explore the wilderness on foot. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This route should remain open to fullsize 4WD and all other motorized and non-motorized users

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific issue or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potogrpahing & some hickling Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail that's OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion bee) and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] an "ATV route."

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 00000168-3

**/Mechanized (but still open to motorized for admin/permitted access)**

• Nine Mile HillWe [COPMOBA]recommend incorporating mountain bike use into the planned Quiet Use area along the rim of Nine Mile Hill. The popular Tabeguacbe Trail is in this area. Horse and foot travel have similar impacts in areas not adjacent to a population center so conflicts should be minimal. We recommend administrative road (#unknown but has spurs 1076, 1039, 1018 and 1051 ) bordering the most northern portion of the Wilderness be left open to mountain bikes. We feel allowing mountain bike use will cause minimal resource damage on an administrative road

## Route: 945

### Segment: 2009

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural
- Cultural

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 945

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific issue or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PC1") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potogrphing & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and piñon beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

## Route: 946

### Segment: 2026

#### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 946

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 947

### Segment: 1981

## Designation

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 947

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

- Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872." are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent

hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 948

### Segment: 1979

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 948

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 950

### Segment: 2023

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 950

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 951

## Segment: 1978

Designation 

## Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

## Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

## Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B: Vehicles under 50" wide

Alternative C: Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 951

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this

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## Route: 952

### Segment: 1980

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 952

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 953

### Segment: 1975

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 953

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 954

### Segment: 1972

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 954

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Pondersa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Pondersa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Pondersa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 955

### Segment: 1971

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 955

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 956

### Segment: 1970

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 956

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 957

### Segment: 1974

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 957

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 958

#### Segment: 1985

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 958

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 959

#### Segment: 1969

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 959

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-110

o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

o Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 96

### Segment: 2291

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open, seek re-route or mitigation
- Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)
- Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 96

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692,

1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific is sure or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife photography & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and pinion beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 960

### Segment: 1968

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 960

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 961

### Segment: 1977

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 961

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 962

### Segment: 1963

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 962

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-32

- Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent

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## Route: 963

### Segment: 1967

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close
- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, RMA objectives

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 963

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 964

### Segment: 2018

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- SOIL Soils 25% to 40% Slopes
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 19 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 964

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 965

### Segment: 1964

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 965

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 00000068-3

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

• The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477 ROW's in the State of Colorado, Mesa County and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 500, 472, 518, 521, 530, 39, 127, 572, 566, 66, 65, 148, 71, 74, 587, 595, 608, 622, 628, 635, 624, 609, 611, 706, 678, 700, 719, 726, 696, 26, 936, 847, 849, 919, 767, 824, 96, 822, 817, 950, 1021, 900, 2682, 1020, 1003, 1084, 1142, 1184, 1156, 1198, 1349, 1308, 1310, 1238, 1263, 1122, 1170, 1192, 974, 941, 1076, 1039, 1018, 1759, 1764, 1758, 1174, 1788, 1798, 1669, 1699, 1773, 1755, 1779, 1750, 1751, 1792, 1720, 1726, 1727, 1720, 1722, 1803, 1805, 1809, 1614, 1609, 1605, 1608, 1571, 1526, 1516, 1448, 755, 807, 900, 10, 48, 924, 950, 1005, 965, 8, 1115, 981, 984, 1135, 2678, 1249, 1171, 1150, 1249, 1320, 1235, 1236, 1228, 1227, 1409, 1456, 1349, 1308, 1513, 1221, 1550, 1567, 1641, 1612, 1740, 1688, 2597, 2598, 2601, 2440, 3160, 3162, 2089, 2166, 2170, 2596, 2171, 2003, 2122, 2126, 2189, 3145, 2182, 2179, 2178, 3143, 2181, 2121, 2122, 2168, 2126, 2180, 2095, 2173, 2174, 2620, 2129, 1686, 1692, 1667, 1647, 1631, 1613, 1596, 1549, 1541, 2647, 1633, 1605, 1608, 1571, 2645, 1507, 1448, 1496, 1516, 1504, 1510, 1508, 1509, 439, 431, 456, 461, 460, 391, 423, 415, 419, 407, 402, 367, 372, 339, 298, 338, 105, 368, 374, 393, 389, 390, 376, 377, 351, 350, 121, 345, 320, 301, 251, 234, 232, 205, 344, 107, 103, 152, 153, 161, 168, 3199, 188, 196, 255, 254, 236, 294, 242, 219, 201, 169, 162, 158, 160, 173. The following high value recreational routes/roads are legal RS 2477ROW's in the State of Colorado, Delta County, and the BLM does not have the jurisdiction to close them: 3011, 2184, 2191, 3100, 2187, 2026, 2059, 2188, 2192, 3104, 2130, 3009, 2199, 2200, 2111, 2223, 2024, 3006, 2231, 3094, 2579, 2210, 2344, 2243, 2249, 2248, 3074, 2354, 2384, 2296, 2295, 2287, 2304, 2062, 2163, 3163, 2164, 2430, 4006, 3016, 2351, 3140, 2410, 4008, 2324, 2073, 2306, 2459, 3192, 3193, 2350, 2443, 2035, 2336, 2495, 2491, 2159, 3058, 2277, 2465, 2467, 3189, 2472, 2297, 2006, 2265, 2271, 2276, 2135, 2139, 3053, 2489, 3033, 3057, 2031, 2276, 2210, 2579, 2136, 2344, 3164, 2400, 2379, 3014, 2365, 3116, 2251, 2259, 2149, 2153, 2146, 2144, 2145, 2356, 2257, 2048, 2358, 3165, and 3166.

## Route: 966

### Segment: 1962

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 966

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

• o The Gibbler Mountain ACEC as shown on map 2-5E does not encompass the mountain itself but only its northern slopes. I would prefer to see a non-motorized/non-mechanized ACEC for the whole of Gibbler Mountain and its surrounding slopes, bounded by the routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-547-951-959-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249, with 1269 left open to motorized use as a motorized cherry-stemmed route into the area. This would keep this wonderful roadless area (though too small a space for the inventory) roadless into the future. The text on page 871 indicates the area has one of the "best known" populations of the rare plant Grand Junction milkvetch as well as a large collection of fragile dinosaur tracks. The Special Species map from the Open House needs to be updated with this GJ milkvetch population. This ACEC representing a hole in the SRMA would properly protect all three features: roadless-ness, dinosaur tracks, and GJ milkvetch, at the cost of less than 5000 acres. This protection is consistent with this being a National Conservation Area and not a National Recreation Area. This position also has support from the D-E NCA Advisory Council. I recently hiked up to the top of the northern portion of Gibbler Mountain with a friend. We were inspired by the challenging terrain for hiking and the awesome views (photo IMG\_9998). We both had a great feeling of accomplishment when we reached the top. There is plenty of evidence of big game animals using the Gibbler Mountain as a quiet sanctuary from the surrounding motorized areas. This proposed ACEC would benefit them.

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

• Gibbler Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern: The QTG supports Gibbler Mtn ACEC from Alt D because protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially if it is going to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use. Further, we think the ACEC should be extended to include all of Gibbler Mountain. Surface-disturbance limitations and a rule of no motorized use should be included for the full ACEC, including this recommended expansion. With this expansion the full ACEC would be bounded by: Routes: 1235-1236-1228-1409-1221-15-8-887-18-17-945-947-951-954-959-962-966-969-1005-1006-1021-1022-1023-1024-1047-1150-1249-8, with 1269, and 1173-1174-1198-1200-1193 cherry-stemmed into the area. The reasons we support this designation are as follows: Roadless areas are an endangered resource in the high-desert west. Categorically, roadless areas especially within NCAs- should be protected as such. By making it a larger area not only does it protect this roadless area but also it better disguises the location of the dinosaur tracks and fossils which we see from page 872," are regionally significant and easily damaged". Per page 871, "This site also supports one of the best known occurrences (A-ranked) of Grand Junction milkvetch (Astragalus linifolius), a globally vulnerable plant (G3/S3) and a BLM sensitive plant species."o Map 3-13 needs to be updated to show the presence of Grand Junction milkvetch and Colorado Hookless cactus as the text on page 871 indicates both are present in this area. A recent hike in this area shows prolific big game use in the area, we assume it is their refuge from surrounding motorized use. Recent hikes have confirmed the presence of Ponderosa Pine atop Gibbler Mtn. This designation would aid in increasing the number of healthy Ponderosa Pines within the NCA, an action which would be in accordance with the Alternative E management objective on page 52. o Map 3-3 needs to be updated to reference the presence of Ponderosa Pine in this area. The designation of this expanded ACEC in the final plan, would address the need for non-motorized trails in this portion of the NCA, an opportunity currently missing from the draft plan. And to reiterate, these protections are needed for the myriad of resources found here, especially because they are to be located within an SRMA focused on motorized use

## Route: 967

### Segment: 1961

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

Alternative D: Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 967

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 968

### Segment: 1960

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 968

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 969

### Segment: 1956

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Vehicles under 50" wide

## Public Comments On Route: 969

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 00000106-110

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Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 00000115-32

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## Route: 97

### Segment: 2321

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

##### Mitigation Criteria

- Reroute
- Move to the edge of Sagebrush

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density highest in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 97

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-014

• 1. We have identified known potential issues and criteria to guide the planning process based on lands and resources in the planning area. Please provide comments on these issues and criteria, and/or identify other issues or criteria that you think should be considered (If your comment pertains to a specific is sure or criteria, please use the reference code, e.g. "PCI") 2. What areas within the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area or Dominguez Canyon Wilderness do you value? Why? Area 1 Great views birdwatching, wildlife potogrpthing & some hicking Area 2 Viewing from bluffs from above Area 3 I use this area a good many times a year Area 4 I can't get to this area to use. Area 5 I use any road or ATV trail thats OPEN 3. Please provide any additional comments that you have regarding this project. Comments on attach sheet. Maps with GPS routes in red. Things that I want to comment on concerning Dominguez-Escalante NCA. 1. Cactus Park area is used by the motorized community, Mountain bikers, Hikers, and Etc. There are a lot of roads, jeep & ATV trails that need to be open for everyone to use. The area has been used for cattle grazing, Christmas tree cutting, fire wood, and many other uses. As the population grows in this area there needs to be public land open for their use. 2. As the motorized roads, double track and single track trails are closed; much less area is left for folks to use. Any Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area restricts firefighting, timber cutting (to help control pine and piñon beeHe and controlling ground cover which will stop the massive fuel for fires) and weed control. Colorado is having large fires now because of these large amounts of fuel. 3. The attached maps have GPS routes shown in red that I have GPS'ed at different times. Please note that I have used these routes at different times. All these routes are jeep accessible; many are used by 2 wheel drive pickups. I almost never see hikers when I'm out using these routes on my ATV or Pickup. [ED: The D-E NCA's Recreation Planner identified the route numbers for routes highlighted on the map mentioned in this comment: 621, 624, 676, 649, 641, 743, 676, 741, 97, 96, 744, 733, 15, 838, 18, 945, 26, 847, 848, 941, 1192, 1292, 1377]

Organization, commenter: None

Comment ID: PUB\_SC-009

• [ED: Following are the text (in quotes) and the D-E NCA Recreation Planner's interpretation of what the commenter wrote on the maps they submitted during public scoping for the Dominguez RMP. The Rec Planner also identified the route numbers highlighted on the maps]: Routes 741 and 848 "needs ATV connector. Cultural sites can easily be avoided by the 50 foot policy." Routes 26 and 1017 "needs ATV connector." Route 941 "must remain open." Route 1017 "should be ATV route." There should be an "ATV connect" between routes 1198 and 1263. The following text was highlighted in orange "Highlighted routes are routes used often by WSATVA and other ATVs." in addition to all the routes mentioned previously, the following routes were highlighted in orange: 743, 97, 96, 26, 813, 842, 15, 847, 1393, 1192, 1292. [ED: On a second map, the commenter highlighted additional routes]: The following are "routes used often by WSATVA": 1516, 1571, 1605, 1633, 15, 1641, 1221. "SC-5" connecting routes 1605 and 1633 " and "SC-6" connecting

routes 1516 and 1605 "need to become new ATV routes connecting these deadends." [ED: A map of the Gibbler Mountain area had additional text and routes]. "Highlighted routes" which "are often used by WSATVA 3 seasons" are as follows: 1235, 1221, 1409, 1310, 1263, 1198, 15. Route 1235 [is or should be] "an ATV route."

## Route: 972

### Segment: 1957

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 972

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 973

### Segment: 1805

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Sage-Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation of sagebrush patches
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 973

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 974

### Segment: 1804

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close, Bighorn – SSR -- summer range, Bighorn - production area

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce the miles of motorized and mechanized routes in bighorn sheep habitat.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 974

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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Organization, commenter: Tracey Rohde

Comment ID: 000000103-9

- I would like to see trail #'s 941 & #974 remain open to atv use. This is a great ride down to the rivers' edge, on a slightly challenging trail.

Organization, commenter: CMDA, Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: DENCA-1-22470-4

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## Route: 976

### Segment: 1818

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 4 stream crossings
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
- **Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to protect and enhance special status fish, wildlife, and plant populations.
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect important paleontological resources within the Gibbler Mountain ACEC

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 976

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 977

#### Segment: 1810

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMAs Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- **Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close, PPSV- Minimize fragmentation
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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 977

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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## Route: 979

### Segment: 1811

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- SMA's Gibbler Mountain ACEC
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species sensitive species planes

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** SS Plants-SSR within 100m
- Minimize Harassment:** Big game winter range – close
- Wilderness / Natural Area:** ACEC – Gibbler- PSD paleo

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: 979

Organization, commenter: Janice Shepherd

Comment ID: 000000106-217

- Now that the mine has been sealed up (photo IMG\_9997) routes 1020-1029-1041-1064-1080-1113-979 should be closed. I recently hiked the road with a friend. The upper reaches are deteriorating (photos IMG\_9994, IMG\_9995).

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-35

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## Route: 98

### Segment: 2344

#### Designation ?

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 98

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 980

#### Segment: 1803

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian 1 stream crossing
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Riparian—ephemeral streams SSR 30 m
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize travel routes in and crossing riparian and wetland areas.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 980

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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### Route: 981

#### Segment: 1809

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 981

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Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

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## Route: 982

### Segment: 1793

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 982

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 984

### Segment: 1799

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
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- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
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### Rationale

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#### Rationale for Decision

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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 984

Organization, commenter: Brandon Siegfried

Comment ID: 000000068-3

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## Route: 986

## Segment: 1790

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 986

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 987

### Segment: 1794

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 987

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 988

### Segment: 1792

### Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 988

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 99

### Segment: 2356

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Closed (Rehab)

### Mitigation Criteria

- Needs Data - Cultural

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Fragile soils SSR, NHT – close routes for setting
- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to minimize levels of soil erosion that contributes salt, sediment, and selenium into stream and river systems.
- Route was designated to improve natural setting along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.
- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Vehicles under 50" wide

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

## Public Comments On Route: 99

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 990

### Segment: 1783

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches >60 acres

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 990

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 992

#### Segment: 1784

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

### Public Comments On Route: 992

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: 993

#### Segment: 1816

### Designation [?](#)

## Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

## Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 993

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

## Route: 994

### Segment: 1786

## Designation

### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 994

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 995

### Segment: 1776

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Vehicles under 50" wide

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation access to dispersed campsite
- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 995

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

## Route: 996

### Segment: 1779

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Access to non-federal lands
- SOIL Soils Steep Slopes 40%
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B:** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C:** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D:** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: 996

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 998

### Segment: 1982

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Vehicles under 50" wide

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- Recreation:** RMA objectives, Rec opportunities – general
- Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed, seek re-route or mitigation

## Public Comments On Route: 998

Organization, commenter: Western Slope ATV Association, Steve Chapel

Comment ID: 000000089-13

- The route with numbers 933, to 1105, to 1110, to 1017, to 998 had been an important route for ATV use. At the end of it a connection can be made without equipment to extend it over to route 52 and create a great loop. We know this because we have made the short walk between the two routes. This had been explained to BLM. The map shows it with a dotted line which indicates closed until mitigated. This is not acceptable nor necessary. It is also confusing because there is a bicycle emblem on the route.

Organization, commenter: Jeffery Fleming

Comment ID: 000000105-6

- New trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions

Organization, commenter: Quiet Trails Group, Sherry Schenk

Comment ID: 000000115-79

- [Re: Cactus Park SRMA] The QTG believes the shape of the SRMA should be adjusted on the east corner to avoid any overlap with the Bighorn sheep productive area. From page 69 we see that Alt E has no new motorized routes being created in Bighorn Sheep Productive area. The purpose behind the Cactus Park SRMA is to manage the creation of new ATV routes. So overlapping the 2 areas does not make sense. This concern has been shared with the Advisory Council. The proposed action on page 69 to deal with fragmentation and un-fragmentation of Bighorn Sheep summer concentration areas is too complex and will likely not be satisfactory given the habit-forming tendencies of Bighorn Sheep. Instead, Cactus Park SRMA should be reduced to not include the portion that overlaps the Winter/Summer range of Bighorn Sheep. In addition to simplifying the management, this will also address the concern that motorized recreation should not take priority over other resources in that area, which are not limited to Bighorn Sheep. BLM could consider incorporating this area into the Ninemile Hill ERMA with the caveat that the Alt E motorized routes in the area 847-848-830, 998-1017-1110-1108-993-995-1123-1129-1170-1169-1192-941 would be left as designated in Alt E (some full motorized, some ATV). The QTG is quite concerned about the SRMA status for this landscape. While we hope that a network of quality ATV routes will diminish the number of new user-created routes developing per year, we are very concerned about the prioritization of recreation over the myriad of other resources which are present in a high-density within this sensitive landscape. We think that Congress - in the Omnibus Act that created the NCA - had envisioned a balanced approach to "long-term conservation and protection of unique and important values" where recreation was supposed to have the same priority as other values. We would like to see more explicit protections of resources.

Organization, commenter: COPMOBA, Scott Winans

Comment ID: 000000168-4

- Cactus Park New trail construction on very top of NE ridge above Cactus Park. It would connect 738 to 998 crossing 26 midway and would also make a great hiking trail with amazing views in both directions. We [COPMOBA] agree with 1728 and 1725 as accessible for mountain bike due to the trail being managed as such after crossing National Forest land boundary

## Route: 999

### Segment: 1944

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Closed (Rehab)

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** PPSV- Minimize fragmentation, Big game winter range – close

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to reduce fragmentation in Priority Vegetation types
- Route was designated to protect big game winter range

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** Closed (Not Rehabbed)

**Alternative C:** Closed (Rehab)

**Alternative D:** Closed (Rehab)

### Public Comments On Route: 999

- No public comments for this Route

### Route: County

#### Segment: 1698

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

No Designation Recorded

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- LANDS Right of Way
- CULTURAL Cultural Indirect impact
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

#### Segment: 1767

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

No Designation Recorded

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management

- LANDS Right of Way
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E
- SSPLANT Special Status Species Colorado hookless cactus

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1089

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

No Designation Recorded

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density high in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

Alternative B: County

Alternative C: County

Alternative D: County

## Segment: 1123

### Designation ?

#### Current Designation

No Designation Recorded

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- No designation criteria for this route segment.

### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A: County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Segment: 1142

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

No Designation Recorded

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- SOIL Soils Fragile
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **No designation criteria for this route segment.**

#### Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for this designation.

### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** County

**Alternative B:** County

**Alternative C:** County

**Alternative D:** County

## Public Comments On Route: County

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4045

### Segment: 3340

### Designation [?](#)

#### Current Designation

Foot/Horse

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

### Rationale

#### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** RMA objectives (387), Rec opportunities – general (445)
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Route was designated to minimize conflicts between recreation users.

#### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to support recreation area objectives and/or provide access to and across public lands.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments on Route: 4045

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4047

### Segment: 3341

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

### Segment: 3342

#### Designation [?](#)

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

##### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RANGE Access to range improvement
- RANGE Range access for general livestock management
- WILDLIFE Elk severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E
- VEGETATION Sagebrush patches <60 acres

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments on Route: 4047

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4049

### Segment: 3349

## Designation [?](#)

### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- SOILS Soils Fragile
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- RIPARIAN Riparian crossing ephemeral stream
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I high
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments on Route: 4049

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

## Route: 4050

### Segment: 3350

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- RECREATION Recreation access for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I low
- DENSITY Route density medium in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

#### Rationale

##### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

##### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments on Route: 4050

- No public comments for this Route

## Route: 4051

### Segment: 3351

#### Designation [?](#)

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only

#### Mitigation Criteria

- No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Planning Criteria

- RECREATION Recreation opportunities for access to and across federal lands
- WILDLIFE Mule deer severe winter range
- CULTURAL Cultural Class I moderate
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt A
- DENSITY Route density low in Alt E

## Rationale

### Designation Criteria

- **Recreation:** Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

### Rationale for Decision

- Route was designated to ensure access to rights-of-way, private property, and livestock grazing facilities.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A:** Open (All modes of travel)

**Alternative B:** None

**Alternative C:** None

**Alternative D:** None

## Public Comments on Route: 4051

Organization, commenter: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, Rosalind McClellan

Comment ID: 000000135-28

• I recommend that main arteries be kept open including the Escalante Creek, Dry Mesa, and DOW Sawmill Mesa Roads. However smaller roads such as those in Bennett's Basin, Camp and Sowbelly Ridges, Tatum Ridge and Tatum Gulch, Long Point, Black Point, Peach Orchard Point, Grade Gulch, Kelso Gulch, Cottonwood Creek, Camp Ridge should be considered for closure, especially those near the Dominguez Wilderness whose closure could expand the wilderness. Finally, the hundreds of small scars, spurs, loops and proliferating routes throughout the Sawmill Mesa unit, only some of which have been listed in the comments above, need to be closed in their entirety, excepting those very few spurs and new routes for which there is a clear and demonstrated need, and whose use can be managed and enforced by the BLM within its limited resources. As is clear, the thrust of these route inventory comments is that the Sawmill Mesa Unit of the Dominguez-Escalante NCA contains primitive, rugged, remote and solitary recreational settings of the kind that the 2007 state BLM Recreation Strategy directs be retained rather than being allowed to downslide by allowing inappropriate and uncontrolled off-road vehicle use. The Sawmill Mesa unit also provides important habitat security for big horn sheep, elk, black bear and many other species, which is being fragmented and compromised by newly introduced disturbance from ATVs and other vehicles. What, until recently, was a relatively remote and solitary landscape has become increasingly fragmented and disturbed and needs to be returned to its previous condition by comprehensive route closures. All this is in keeping with the fact that this is a National Conservation Area, not Recreation Area

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