



# BLM GJFO Travel Plan Route Report

## Route: E103

### Segment: 765

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class II

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary Priority Habitat

##### Rationale for Decision

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

To retain the visual character of the existing landscape and minimize the level of change, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class II. The level of change to the visual landscape should be low. Changes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural features of the landscape – form, line, color and texture. Routes may be seen but should not attract the attention of the casual observer.

To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Reduce routes through currently suitable or potentially suitable Gunnison and greater sage grouse habitat by reducing routes through sage brush parks, with an emphasis on routes that bisect sage brush parks.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E103

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E104

### Segment: 763

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary Priority Habitat

Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

##### Rationale for Decision

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Reduce routes through currently suitable or potentially suitable Gunnison and greater sage grouse habitat by reducing routes through sage brush parks, with an emphasis on routes that bisect sage brush parks.

Consider whether parcels are identified for disposal or for management by another entity in determining long-term access needs and route designations.

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E104

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E11

### Segment: 1300

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Water Stream Crossing

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

Range Study Site

##### Rationale for Decision

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To reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds, reduce duplicative and redundant routes in areas with susceptibility to cheatgrass or invasive and noxious weed infestations.

While maintaining access, close routes with multiple stream crossings and/or identify mitigation including reroutes and proper design, construction, and maintenance plans in accordance with BLM manual handbook guidance.

To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Consider whether parcels are identified for disposal or for management by another entity in determining long-term access needs and route designations.

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

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**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1335

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

#### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

### Rationale

#### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Sensitive Resources

Special Designation VRM Class III

Water Stream Crossing

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

Range Study Site

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Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 1356

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

#### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Sensitive Resources

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

### Rationale for Decision

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Segment: 6595

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

**SEASONAL LIMITATIONS, NONE****Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Sensitive Resources**

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Water Stream Crossing

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

Range Study Site

**Rationale for Decision**

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

**Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Public Comments On Route: E11**

No public comments for this Route

**Route: E110**

## Designation

### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Route through disposal property, work with landowner on ROW

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Sensitive Resources

Special Designation VRM Class II

Water Stream Crossing

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E110

Commenter Name: Edwards, Bob

Organization:  
**Reccomended:**  
**Admin/Permitted**  
**Use**  
**Only**

Submission Code: emc0689

Particularly, as it pertains to the Travel Management Designations as noted on the map for Zone E, in the area of Skinner Ridge and Brush Creek. In particular, we are in objection to the private trail identified as E110 that is noted as "Open" on the Alternative A - Current Management Map and marked as "Administrative" on the Alternative B - Preferred Map. This has never been a public access trail and is privately owned and maintained by Kessler Canyon. It starts on private property coming off of CR 209 and only passes thru a short section of BLM land and returns to private property on the NE side of that same piece of BLM property. We challenge the right of the BLM or any other governing body, including Garfield County to declare this trails entrance as public or administrative from its intersection with CR 209 to where it meets up with the BLM land on the SW corner. There is also a second, small section of trail designated as "Administrative" that is located on top of Skinner Ridge, to the north of trail E110 as noted on the maps. The designation for this section of trail is also of a concern to Kessler Canyon.

Commenter Name: Edwards, Bob

Organization:  
**Reccomended:**  
**Admin/Permitted**  
**Use**  
**Only**

Submission Code: emc0689

Please also be aware that we will not allow public access off either side of CR 209 coming up through Brush Creek in accordance with the Garfield County highway signs posted at the entrance to CR 209. These signs state that it is private property on both sides of the road. To leave the road would be trespassing. As it has been in the past, this will include the trail designated as E110 where it comes off of the CR 209 right of way.

## Route: E112

### Segment: 815

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Route through disposal, work with landowner on ROW

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

vegetation plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass invasion  
 Water Stream Crossing  
 Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
 Wildlife Elk Winter Range  
 Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel  
 Range Study Site

### **Rationale for Decision**

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

## **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## **Public Comments On Route: E112**

No public comments for this Route

## **Route: E113**

**Segment: 641**

**Designation** 

**Current Designation**

**Seasonal Limitations:** None

### **Mitigation Criteria**

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## **Rationale**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### **Sensitive Resources**

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

### **Rationale for Decision**

Use VRM and recreation (or management) objectives to minimize impacts to site integrity (maintaining the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of sites).

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## **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## **Public Comments On Route: E113**

No public comments for this Route

**Route: E138****Segment: 1200****Designation** **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Elk Migratory and Movement Corridors

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Range Development

**Rationale for Decision**

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

Use VRM and recreation (or management) objectives to minimize impacts to site integrity (maintaining the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of sites).

In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

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To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Protect breeding habitats of migratory birds with emphasis on avoiding impacts to nesting birds to comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Provide sufficient storage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E138

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E141

### Segment: 1372

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural Resource Concern

Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)

Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Range Study Site

Range Development

##### Rationale for Decision

Use VRM and recreation (or management) objectives to minimize impacts to site integrity (maintaining the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of sites).

To reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass

through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.

Work closely with Mesa and Garfield counties to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

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

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

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

## Public Comments On Route: E141

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Reccomended:**

**Open  
(All  
modes  
of  
travel)**

Submission Code: cf0090

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone E should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes E: 141; 142; 20; 152; 150;23;21;27; 160;168;185; 89; 30; 260; 253; 255; 32; 234; 217; 37; 194; 195; 211; 212; 204; 206; 207; 210; 201; 41. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone E routes above.

**Route: E142****Segment: 246****Designation** **Current Designation**

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

**Designation Following Mitigation**

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Sensitive Resources**

Cultural Resource Concern

Paleo Paleontological site In or Through

Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)

Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

**Rationale for Decision**

Use VRM and recreation (or management) objectives to minimize impacts to site integrity (maintaining the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of sites).

To reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.

Work closely with Mesa and Garfield counties to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

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

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

## Public Comments On Route: E142

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Reccomended:**

**Open  
(All  
modes  
of  
travel)**

Submission Code: cfco090

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## Route: E143

### Segment: 1532

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

**SENSITIVE RESOURCES**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Cultural Resource Concern  
 Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route  
 Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range  
 Range Study Site

**Rationale for Decision**

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Work closely with Mesa and Garfield counties to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

**Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

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

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

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

**Public Comments On Route: E143**

No public comments for this Route

**Route: E144**

**Segment: 386**

**Designation** 

**Current Designation**  
**Admin/Permitted Use Only**  
**Seasonal Limitations:** None

**Designation Following Mitigation**  
**Open (All modes of travel)**  
**Seasonal Limitations:** None

### **Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## **Rationale**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### **Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Cultural Resource Concern  
 Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route  
 Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite  
 Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails  
 Soils Fragile soils  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

### **Rationale for Decision**

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

Use VRM and recreation (or management) objectives to minimize impacts to site integrity (maintaining the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of sites).

Work closely with Mesa and Garfield counties to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the

landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)

## Public Comments On Route: E144

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E145

### Segment: 1343

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

##### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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

## Public Comments On Route: E145

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E146

### Segment: 1344

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

##### Rationale for Decision

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

#### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E146

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E147

### Segment: 1351

#### Designation

**Current Designation**

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Sensitive Resources**

Special Designation VRM Class III

Water Stream Crossing

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

**Rationale for Decision**

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

While maintaining access, close routes with multiple stream crossings and/or identify mitigation including reroutes and proper design, construction, and maintenance plans in accordance with BLM manual handbook guidance.

To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

**Previous Alternatives Analyzed****Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)**Segment: 1359****Designation** **Current Designation**

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

## Sensitive Resources

Energy Access COGCC well  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

## Rationale for Decision

Maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

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Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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

## Public Comments On Route: E147

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E148

### Segment: 1380

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

### **Rationale for Decision**

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### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## **Segment: 6597**

### **Designation**

#### **Current Designation**

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

### **Rationale**

#### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### **Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Energy Access COGCC well

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

#### **Rationale for Decision**

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

Maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E148

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E149

### Segment: 239

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Energy Access COGCC well

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

##### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Segment: 6619

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

#### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

### Rationale for Decision

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E149

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E15

### Segment: 1467

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

### Rationale for Decision

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicate or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E15

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E150

### Segment: 1469

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)

Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

##### Rationale for Decision

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

To reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.

In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

Reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat, and occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails. Identify mitigation where open routes are negatively effecting designated critical habitat.

To reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds, reduce duplicative and redundant routes in areas with susceptibility to cheatgrass or invasive and noxious weed infestations.

To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

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

## Public Comments On Route: E150

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfco090

**Recommended:**

**Open  
(All  
modes  
of  
travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone E should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes E: 141; 142; 20; 152; 150; 23; 21; 27; 160; 168; 185; 89; 30; 260; 253; 255; 32; 234; 217; 37; 194; 195; 211; 212; 204; 206; 207; 210; 201; 41. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone E routes above.

## Route: E151

**Segment: 1544**

**Designation** 

**Current Designation**

Closed

## Seasonal Limitations: None

### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)  
 Soils Fragile soils  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range  
 Lands and Realty Utility corridor

### Rationale for Decision

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

To reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

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To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

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

## Public Comments On Route: E151

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E152

### Segment: 1614

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route  
 Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite  
 Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails  
 Soils Fragile soils  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range  
 Range Study Site

##### Rationale for Decision

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In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

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To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes

within Sage Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

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

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

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

## Segment: 1628

### Designation

#### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

#### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Range Study Site

### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

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

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

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

## Public Comments On Route: E152

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

**Reccomended:**

**Open  
(All  
modes  
of  
travel)**

Submission Code: cfco090

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## Route: E153

### Segment: 1615

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

soils fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Range Study Site

### **Rationale for Decision**

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

Use VRM and recreation (or management) objectives to minimize impacts to site integrity (maintaining the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of sites).

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

To reduce disturbance to Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse, close duplicative or redundant routes within Sage-Grouse habitat and within 4 miles of a lek.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

### **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

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

### **Public Comments On Route: E153**

No public comments for this Route

### **Route: E154**

#### **Segment: 1642**

#### **Designation**

##### **Current Designation**

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

#### **Mitigation Criteria**

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

## **NATIONAL**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### **Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Cultural Resource Concern  
 Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route  
 Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite  
 Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails  
 Soils Fragile soils  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

### **Rationale for Decision**

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Use VRM and recreation (or management) objectives to minimize impacts to site integrity (maintaining the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of sites).

Work closely with Mesa and Garfield counties to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

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## **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

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

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

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

## **Public Comments On Route: E154**

## Route: E160

### Segment: 1894

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Water Stream Crossing

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

##### Rationale for Decision

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To reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds, reduce duplicative and redundant routes

in areas with susceptibility to cheatgrass or invasive and noxious weed infestations.

While maintaining access, close routes with multiple stream crossings and/or identify mitigation including reroutes and proper design, construction, and maintenance plans in accordance with BLM manual handbook guidance.

Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E160

Commenter Name: Dumont, Loren

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0512

**Recommended:  
Closed**

Peanut Point Paraglider pilots need E27 in Logan Wash to remain open because this is the only road we can use to access Peanut Point launch site. I talked to Park Ranger Chris Pipkin and he told me and showed me on Google Earth that E27 is one road, from Roan Road (CO RD 204), and that E160, E168 and E25 are side roads. We are only concerned with E27 and we do not need E160, E168 and E25 to stay open. Peanut Point is located pretty close to the zone "E" boundary, 90 degree corner, that is 1 miles east of Mount Logan. Peanut Point launch is located at 39 24'34.39"N 108 09'33.36"W. I got these coordinates from Google Earth. We get out of our car on road E27 near this location and walk about mile thru the woods on a dirt path to get to Peanut Point.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfco090

**Recommended:  
Open  
(All  
modes  
of  
travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone E should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes E: 141; 142; 20; 152; 150;23;21;27; 160;168;185; 89; 30; 260; 253; 255; 32; 234; 217; 37; 194; 195; 211; 212; 204; 206; 207; 210; 201; 41. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone E routes above.

## Route: E162

**Segment: 1836**

**Designation** 

**Current Designation**

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

**DESIGNATION FOLLOWING MITIGATION**  
**Open (All modes of travel)**  
**Seasonal Limitations:** None

### **Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## **Rationale**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### **Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Cultural Resource Concern  
 Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance  
 Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite  
 Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails  
 Soils Fragile soils  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

### **Rationale for Decision**

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In balance with other resource considerations, provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

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## **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E162

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E163

### Segment: 1828

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance

Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

##### Rationale for Decision

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## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E163

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E164

### Segment: 1827

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only  
Seasonal Limitations: None

**Designation Following Mitigation**  
Open (All modes of travel)  
Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**  
Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

**Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
Cultural Resource Concern  
Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance  
Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite  
Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails  
Soils Fragile soils  
Special Designation VRM Class III  
Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

## WINDMILL MULE DEER WINTER RANGE

### Rationale for Decision

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### Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: E164

No public comments for this Route

### Route: E165

**Segment: 1830**

**Designation** 

#### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

#### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

## **MITIGATION CRITERIA**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## **Rationale**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### **Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Cultural Resource Concern  
 Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance  
 Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails  
 Soils Fragile soils  
 Special Designation VRM Class III  
 Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)  
 Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion  
 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range  
 Lands and Realty Utility corridor

### **Rationale for Decision**

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

## **Previous Alternatives Analyzed**

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E165

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E167

### Segment: 1858

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E167

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E168

### Segment: 6724

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E168

Commenter Name: Dumont, Loren

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0512

**Recommended:  
Closed**

Peanut Point Paraglider pilots need E27 in Logan Wash to remain open because this is the only road we can use to access Peanut Point launch site. I talked to Park Ranger Chris Pipkin and he told me and showed me on Google Earth that E27 is one road, from Roan Road (CO RD 204), and that E160, E168 and E25 are side roads. We are only concerned with E27 and we do not need E160, E168 and E25 to stay open. Peanut Point is located pretty close to the zone "E" boundary, 90 degree corner, that is 1 miles east of Mount Logan. Peanut Point launch is located at 39 24'34.39"N 108 09'33.36"W. I got these coordinates from Google Earth. We get out of our car on road E27 near this location and walk about mile thru the woods on a dirt path to get to Peanut Point.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfco090

**Recommended:  
Open  
(All  
modes  
of  
travel)**

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## Route: E169

### Segment: 6723

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

##### Rationale for Decision

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Provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates (deer, elk,

bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and moose) to maintain healthy viable populations across the landscape commensurate with BLM Colorado's Standards for Public Land Health (BLM 1997a).

Maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E169

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E17

### Segment: 1492

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Sensitive Resources

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Water Stream Crossing

Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat

### Rationale for Decision

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While maintaining access, close routes with multiple stream crossings and/or identify mitigation including reroutes and proper design, construction, and maintenance plans in accordance with BLM manual handbook guidance.

Reduce routes through currently suitable or potentially suitable Gunnison and greater sage grouse habitat by reducing routes through sage brush parks, with an emphasis on routes that bisect sage brush parks.

## Previous Alternatives Analyzed

**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated

**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

## Public Comments On Route: E17

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E171

### Segment: 6721

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

##### Rationale for Decision

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**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E171

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E176

### Segment: 1772

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

**Public Comments On Route: E176**

No public comments for this Route

**Route: E177****Segment: 1782****Designation** **Current Designation**

Closed

**Seasonal Limitations:** None

**Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

soils fragile soils

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Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### **Public Comments On Route: E177**

No public comments for this Route

### **Route: E178**

**Segment: 1781**

**Designation** 

**Current Designation**

Closed

**Seasonal Limitations:** None

## **Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## **Rationale**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## **Public Comments On Route: E178**

**Route: E179****Segment: 1798****Designation** **Current Designation**

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Sensitive Resources**

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**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E179

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E180

### Segment: 1767

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

No Mitigation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Closed

## Public Comments On Route: E180

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E181

### Segment: 1768

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

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Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

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Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

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**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E181

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E182

### Segment: 1766

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Designation Following Mitigation

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## Rationale

### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

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No public comments for this Route

**Route: E183****Segment: 1667****Designation** **Current Designation**

Closed

**Seasonal Limitations:** None

## **Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## **Rationale**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

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Cultural Resource Concern

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## **Public Comments On Route: E183**

**Route: E184****Segment: 1665****Designation** **Current Designation**

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

**Rationale****Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

**Sensitive Resources**

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Cultural Resource Concern

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Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E184

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E185

### Segment: 1684

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

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Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

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Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E185

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0090

**Reccomended:**

**Open  
(All  
modes  
of  
travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone E should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes E: 141; 142; 20; 152; 150;23;21;27; 160;168;185; 89; 30; 260; 253; 255; 32; 234; 217; 37; 194; 195; 211; 212; 204; 206; 207; 210; 201; 41. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone E routes above.

## Route: E187

### Segment: 1676

#### Designation

**Current Designation**  
Admin/Permitted Use Only  
Seasonal Limitations: None

**Designation Following Mitigation**  
Open (All modes of travel)  
Seasonal Limitations: None

**Mitigation Criteria**  
Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

**Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

#### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
Cultural Resource Concern  
Soils Fragile soils  
Special Designation VRM Class III  
Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

LANDS AND REARY COUNTY CORRIDOR  
Range Study Site

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**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

### Public Comments On Route: E187

No public comments for this Route

### Route: E188

#### Segment: 1674

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

## Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling  
 Cultural Resource Concern  
 Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails  
 Soils Fragile soils  
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 Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range  
 Lands and Realty Utility corridor  
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## Public Comments On Route: E188

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E189

**Segment: 1701**

**Designation** 

**Current Designation**  
**Admin/Permitted Use Only**  
**Seasonal Limitations:** None

**Designation Following Mitigation**  
**Open (All modes of travel)**  
**Seasonal Limitations:** None

### **Mitigation Criteria**

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

## **Rationale**

### **Minimization Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

### **Sensitive Resources**

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

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Range Development

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Maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects, study sites and to

areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

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**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed

**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

## Public Comments On Route: E189

No public comments for this Route

## Route: E190

### Segment: 2519

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

##### Mitigation Criteria

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

#### Rationale

##### Minimization Criteria

- No Designation Criteria for this Route Segment

##### Sensitive Resources

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Range Development

##### Rationale for Decision

To minimize the potential for impacts to sites, reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes;

While maintaining access, eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas of fragile soils, Mancos Shale areas, slump areas, and on slopes exceeding 40 percent. (Public Land Health Standard 1).

To partially retain the visual character of the existing landscape and to moderate the level of change to the existing environment, carefully consider the designation of routes or design/construction of new routes in areas managed as VRM Class III. Routes may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. To the extent possible, routes should repeat the basic elements found in the natural landscape – form, line, color and texture.

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plant communities to support wildlife and livestock. Ensure that managed activities (grazing, recreation, energy development, etc.) are not leading to degraded conditions.

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No public comments for this Route

## Route: E191

### Segment: 2528

#### Designation

##### Current Designation

Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None