



BLM GJFO Travel Plan Route Report

☐ **Route: H10**

☐ **Segment: 1244**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

☐ **Segment: 1263**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to improve or maintain public access.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

☐ Segment: 1338



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to improve or maintain public access.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H10

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11; 88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization: Thunder Mountain Wheelers

Submission Code: emc0623

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Routes H10 & H27 These routes are used by ATVs almost exclusively. They provide an excellent ATV riding experience for the entire family. The Alternatives show these as 50 routes and we strongly encourage them in the final analysis.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0667

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): H11, H21, H31, H9, H2, H10, H26, C18, C30, C38, C106, C37, C109, C32, C27, C29, C19, H27, H2, C16, C21 Trail Name: Post and Pole Canyons Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These trails offer a mix of smooth and rocky road and scenic views of both the Grand Valley and the Douglas Pass Road. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is typically an area I visit for a shorter ride. My family has traveled this area by dirtbike, ATV, UTV, and Jeep. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that these trails are close to town. They give me a chance to get out and drive or ride when I may not have a full day to spend. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail lets me get out for a shorter ride with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like for these trails to remain open to full-size vehicles, along with all other motorized and nonmotorized uses.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0886

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Routes H10 & H27 These routes are used by ATVs almost exclusively. They provide an excellent ATV riding experience for the entire family. The Alternatives show these as 50" routes and we strongly encourage them in the final analysis.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: emc0013

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Routes H10&H27 Alternative does show these routes as 50" routes and that should continue. These routes are used more by ATVs than any other vehicle. They offer great view points picnic lunch spots while ATVing.

Commenter Name: Martinez, Larry

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0203

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Overview - In the upper reaches of Lapham Canyon, and around the backside of the shale mountains, the spur roads including H2, H4, H88, H89, and H'0 shall remain open and passable to sportsmen like myself and my family. That said, as a tradition, I have hunted this area as a child and have recently &Oven these road for pleasure. I am 61-yrs. old now. These aforementioned roads are passable at this time and have not changed much over the years. These spur roads ptovide access to the hackcountry that would only be accessible from the Douglas Pass side of the terrain. Since private landowers control access to these areas frdm the Douglas Pass road at the bottom of the valley, it is crucial to have access to this backcountry from the top of the mountain. This benefits hunters and sportsmen like myself in particular, and not to forget to mention the ATV users and their famlies.

☐ Route: H100

☐ Segment: 1150



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

☐ Segment: 1153



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H100

No public comments for this Route

☐ Route: H101

☰ Segment: 1141



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Potential waterbars for the slump area

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H101

No public comments for this Route

☰ Route: H102

☰ Segment: 1127



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Segment: 1137



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H102

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H103**

 **Segment: 1026**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H103

No public comments for this Route

Route: H104

Segment: 1085



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for

recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Segment: 1089



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H104

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H105**

 **Segment: 1098**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H105

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H106**

 **Segment: 1212**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H106

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H107**

 **Segment: 1385**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H107

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H108**

 **Segment: 1414**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

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

☐ Segment: 1419



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe

erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

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: H108

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11; 88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Route: H109

Segment: 1495



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- 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 II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

☐ Segment: 1511



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range

improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H109

No public comments for this Route

Route: H11

Segment: 1260

Designation



Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Segment: 1282



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

☐ Segment: 1314



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- 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 Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

☐ Segment: 1332



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

☐ Segment: 1337



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Segment: 2137



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- 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 Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Segment: 2138



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Segment: 6621



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Segment: 1304



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Segment: 6520



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Segment: 6521



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Segment: 6598



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H11

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11; 88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Commenter Name: DerryBerry, Tom

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: emc0460

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

From Haptham Canyon Trail to (H-31-H11-H-9) Hereford Canyon Trail (H-2-H-26-H27) to Slat Creek Canyon Trail; This [endeavor} is a varied terrain from cedars, pinion, oak brush, pine trees, and canyon [overlooks] on Rims. Great Picture views! This access has been used for 20+ years from 16 Rd to the "old Barrel Springs Homestead access" via Salt Creek Canyon. Site seeing ATV, single track use, and a

major hunting across route. Included camping and pleasure riding for photos and site seeing. This route was sponsored by the WSATVA because of the 18+ years this club has had several club rides on this trail system via 16 Rd access. The maintenance and trail repair for safe access has kept it open to all users for these years. WSATVA members access all trails from mail club sponsored trail for daily riding and members use this access for hunting. As a joint sponsored trail between WSATVA and the BLM GJ office, we jointly maintain, clean and enhance this trail system for public use as a volunteer project.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0667

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): H11, H21, H31, H9, H2, H10, H26, C18, C30, C38, C106, C37, C109, C32, C27, C29, C19, H27, H2, C16, C21 Trail Name: Post and Pole Canyons Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These trails offer a mix of smooth and rocky road and scenic views of both the Grand Valley and the Douglas Pass Road. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is typically an area I visit for a shorter ride. My family has traveled this area by dirtbike, ATV, UTV, and Jeep. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that these trails are close to town. They give me a chance to get out and drive or ride when I may not have a full day to spend. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail lets me get out for a shorter ride with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like for these trails to remain open to full-size vehicles, along with all other motorized and nonmotorized uses.

Commenter Name: Wehling, Patrick

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0452

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Road segment #'s C22, C95, C23, C28, C20, C24, C30, C27, C110, H31, H11, H9 and H26 are roads that are frequently used by the Western Slope ATV Association for trail rides. These rides are into Barrel Springs and the surrounding area where there is excellent scenery and beautiful vistas. The fact that people will travel Big Salt Wash , Lapham Canyon Trail plus BLM numbered roads: H31, H11, H9 and H26, which make for many miles of bumpy road, to access this beautiful area attests its high recreational and VRM value. It also shows the need to keep these roads open at least until better access is provided. The different RMP alternatives show various levels of restrictions proposed for different road segments. In the RMP, it is proposed that 10,300 acres near Barrel Springs be allocated as an Extensive Recreational Management Area. It would seem to me that this is way premature based upon the limited access that is now possible and the even more limited access that alternatives B and C will decree. It should be noted that these roads are and Barrel Springs is presently easily accessible to the private land owners at the juncture of East Salt Creek and State Route 139. The roads to Barrel Springs were public thoroughfares before this private land was established. The government entity that lost this access from State Route 139 to Barrel Springs messed up. BLM should look into providing easy access here. Perhaps BLM is already looking into this due to the interest in the ERMS.

Commenter Name: No Record Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record Reccomended: Closed

Close. (see attached map for exact location)

Commenter Name: Hartmann, David

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0382

Reccomended: Closed

Zone H, Lapham Canyon, 16 Rd Area Alt B is acceptable with seasonal closure. Again, I'm an advocate of seasonal closure, it's a fair compromise between public access and wildlife habitat. Portions of the mapping of this zone appears to be in error. That trail up Post Canyon is basically non-existent since there was a big slide in the 1990's towards its top. The way to get up there is up Lapham Canyon. Go ahead and close the Post Canyon trail after it starts gaining elevation off the desert floor. A dead-end open quarter mile or so right of the County road would be convenient for camping. There appears to be an error in your Alt C. The trail up Lapham Canyon is listed as "administrative" which means closed to the general public. Now follow that trail up, curl around the main ridge, then back down in the next large drainage to the north. Follow that trail back down the valley floor west to Hwy 139. The route is blocked

by private land. So the only way into all that area is either off Hwy 139 through the private land in the north or through that Lapham Canyon administrative trail off 16 Road to the south. That effectively closes, land-locks, that entire trail to the general public. Showing it as various other colors implying it is actually open is misleading and hopefully simply an error. Alt C is entirely unacceptable for this reason. That private landowner does not allow free access through their land. The only reasonable way for the public into the Barrel Springs/Corral Canyon area is to take the 20-mile ATV ride that begins up Lapham Canyon.

Commenter Name: Hartmann, David J.

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0006

Recommened: Closed

Portions of the mapping of this zone appears to be in error. That trail up Post Canyon is basically non-existent since there was a big slide in the 1990's toward its top. The way to get up there is up Lapham Canyon. Go ahead and close the Post Canyon trail after it starts gaining elevation off the desert floor. A dead-end open quarter mile or so right of the County road would be convenient for camping.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone H - 16 Rd access North of North Fruita Desert area/Barrel Springs Trails (as its known by many) There arent that many motorized access roads in this area, and we prefer not to lose ANY of them. We and our friends love to take the ride on H12 & H149 to Echo lake. In Alternative B, it is slated for administrative use. Keep it open for public use. H2 provides a great trail and great views. Again, dont close it. Recently we rode this area and it was all dry, with just a few small flowing stream/water crossings. We did 63 miles of riding on these diverse trails with beautiful scenery. Also saw some deer and a peregrine falcon on H2. We have also seen bear and deer on a previous visits, different trail but same area. This area includes very enjoyable trails with diverse technical aspects and we would hate to lose any of them. Its great to get out of the hot desert environment, on those 100+ degree days. This area of trails is also a important to WSATVA members and planned club rides. We wouldnt mind Post Canyon Trail to just be open to 50" or under OHVs. Of course biking, hiking, horse would still have access with that designation.

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Barrel Springs This set of trails is 'adopted' by WSATVA and is one of the premier riding areas WSATVA members enjoy. Hunters also use Barrel Springs to access hunting areas. Trail Numbers: H31, H22, H9, H26, H27, C18, C21, C22, C25, C23, C20, 024, and C28. Also H2, H11.

Route: H110

Segment: 277

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Segment: 1539



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Segment: 280



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H110

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11; 88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Route: H111

Segment: 279



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

☐ Segment: 283



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

☐ Segment: 6642



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H111

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H112**

 **Segment: 284**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H112

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H113**

 **Segment: 1541**

Designation



Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H113

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11;88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Route: H114

Segment: 6658



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H114

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Cyn - leave accessible to mechanized use. Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice back country extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. These are remote, but usable - we need to retain access. In the area of Garvey Cyn, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Cyn to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788 Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912 Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone H serves two primary functions. With the lower portion as an intermediate portion between Zones M and O, Zone H will be important to an east to west connection trail. In this portion of Zone H, Hunter Canyon (at 21 Rd) serves as a significant existing intrusion into the Bookcliffs. This canyon is adjacent to the eastern extent of the North Fruita Desert (NFD) SRMA, connects to existing trail on Ross Ridge, and can provide a connection to Zone M. This narrow link and Hunter Canyon will be an important link. In addition, Zone H contains the northern portion of the NFD SRMA. Currently the SRMA trails do not extend beyond Coal Gulch, but the natural evolution of that trail system likely involves utilizing areas in Zone H such as Garvey Canyon, which has some existing trail. The Post and Lapham Canyon access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the NFD trail network. Also in Garvey Canyon, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Key Routes:

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Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Established trail area, and planned further expansion Dont reduce size of the existing NFD SRMA Expansion further north will involve Zone H, and connections to and through Zone H are important Connections from NFD trail area to Highline Lake area are important to long range planning for camping resources, long route terminus with services, and connections southward towards McKinnis Canyons NCA (Kokopelli and Rabbit Valley areas) Critical in large East-West route plan to connect Fruita to Palisade Route Comments: Several existing and approved routes are not shown in the NFD bicycle emphasis area (PBR, Mo Joes, Down Uppity, Zip-Off, and the trail replacing I1024 in the upper Bookcliff area) I1027 links with Zone H route H50 to form an important link between Coal Gulch and Garvey Cyn. This should remain accessible. I641 into Leyton Wash should remain accessible. Intrusions into the bluff Bookcliff face are valuable trail resources to penetrate the more remote areas and get away from the front country trail types and usage levels. This is a likely future connection to the Edge Loop portion of the trail system. I633 should remain accessible for the ability to obtain Hunter Cyn in Zone H. This connection will likely be important to an E-W corridor link. Zone I from a motorcycle perspective: I personally spend many hours a week on my motorcycle in the southern sections of Zone I. I often go West or East from 18Rd. The new signed single track built last Fall East of 18rd is excellent and a good example of what can happen in the whole NFD. Since the signing of the legal single track, the motorcycle users are staying on the trail and following the new routes instead of the old ones. If all the good routes that are out there are properly signed, and the bad ones closed it would be a more enjoyable, less land destructive experience for everyone. The problem as I see it is that most of the good single track is not on the maps. They are not even marked as red, they just are not on the maps period. Without a proper moto single track inventory this process will not turn out well. I feel this is why there is so much hostility from the motorized community. They know that if the lose "designated open" status out there all good single track that is not in inventory will be closed. Zone H from a bicycle perspective: Zone H is a link in the connectivity chain that could some day be a loop around the Grand Valley. It has one of the few canyons that is passable up and into the Bookcliffs. It also has good access via 21 road. Also the southern boundary that is up against Zone I holds the future possibility of expansion of trails coming out of the North Fruita Desert SRMA. Route comments H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Cyn Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice back country extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. In the area of Garvey Cyn, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trial usage. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Cyn to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. The Post and Lapham Cyn access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the trail network emanating from the existing NFD SRMA. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides back-country access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible Zone H from a Motorcycle perspective: I enjoy climbing Hunter Canyon on my moto. When the new trail is finished (currently known as Sarnac, formerly known as Peekaboo) I would enjoy linking it via this route. Zone C comments from a bicycle perspective: I would like to see the trail known as the Flight of Icarus formalized. This is a remote back country trail and is an important get-away for riders who wish to remove themselves from the more highly traveled trail networks of the front country. Route comments Plan for accessible areas to allow trail network connection from NFD SRMA and Hwy 139 High altitude routes possible along and off of divide area. Shuttle oriented rides can attain elevation directly via Hwy 139. This is the only nearby paved elevation gain in the Fruita area. Route Comments: C94, C78, C91, C84 route should be accessible. C22, C95 and C23, C20, C24, C129, and C114 provide remote access and should remain accessible.

Route: H115

☐ Segment: 560



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

☐ Segment: 562



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H115

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H116**

 **Segment: 273**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H116

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H117**

 **Segment: 274**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H117

No public comments for this Route

Route: H118

Segment: 561

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H118

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H119**

 **Segment: 1598**

Designation



Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H119

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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M and O, Zone H will be important to an east to west connection trail. In this portion of Zone H, Hunter Canyon (at 21 Rd) serves as a significant existing intrusion into the Bookcliffs. This canyon is adjacent to the eastern extent of the North Fruita Desert (NFD) SRMA, connects to existing trail on Ross Ridge, and can provide a connection to Zone M. This narrow link and Hunter Canyon will be an important link. In addition, Zone H contains the northern portion of the NFD SRMA. Currently the SRMA trails do not extend beyond Coal Gulch, but the natural evolution of that trail system likely involves utilizing areas in Zone H such as Garvey Canyon, which has some existing trail. The Post and Lapham Canyon access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the NFD trail network. Also in Garvey Canyon, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Key Routes: Access via major county road (21 Road) is a good established route. The southern boundary that abuts Zone I is a natural future area of extension for trails coming from the North Fruita Desert SRMA. H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Canyon Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice backcountry extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Canyon to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides backcountry access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible. Zone I contains the North Fruita Desert SRMA, commonly referred to as "18 Road", and the Bicycle Emphasis area within that SRMA. This is a significant trail resource which is also an excellent candidate for trail network expansion in the future. The town of Fruita is strongly in support of trail based recreation development. In the past three years, the Town of Fruita has made direct contributions to COPMOBA to support the planning and development of new routes in the proximity to town. COPMOBA has begun the process of a new comprehensive trail system plan for the existing North Fruita Desert area. Expansion in the area will be likely be targeted further northward and westward, and also create connections as possible out of the area. The City of Fruita has also planned for trail connections from town to the NFD area.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon
Submission Code: emc0922

Organization:
Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Route: H12

Segment: 1250



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

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: 6601



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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: H12

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11;88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone H - 16 Rd access North of North Fruita Desert area/Barrel Springs Trails (as its known by many)

There arent that many motorized access roads in this area, and we prefer not to lose ANY of them. We and our friends love to take the ride on H12 & H149 to Echo lake. In Alternative B, it is slated for administrative use. Keep it open for public use. H2 provides a great trail and great views. Again, dont close it. Recently we rode this area and it was all dry, with just a few small flowing stream/water crossings. We did 63 miles of riding on these diverse trails with beautiful scenery. Also saw some deer and a peregrine falcon on H2. We have also seen bear and deer on a previous visits, different trail but same area. This area includes very enjoyable trails with diverse technical aspects and we would hate to lose any of them. Its great to get out of the hot desert environment, on those 100+ degree days. This area of trails is also a important to WSATVA members and planned club rides. We wouldnt mind Post Canyon Trail to just be open to 50" or under OHVs. Of course biking, hiking, horse would still have access with that designation.

 **Route: H120**

 **Segment: 1599**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H120

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H121**

 **Segment: 1601**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H121

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H122**

 **Segment: 1680**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H122

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11; 88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Route: H123

Segment: 1261



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H123

No public comments for this Route

Route: H124

Segment: 1316



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Segment: 1321



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H124

No public comments for this Route

Route: H125

Segment: 1322



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H125

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H126**

 **Segment: 1305**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- 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 Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H126

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H127**

 **Segment: 1292**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H127

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H128**

 **Segment: 1289**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H128

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H129**

 **Segment: 1320**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H129

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H130**

 **Segment: 1312**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H130

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H131**

 **Segment: 1293**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H131

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11; 88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Route: H132

Segment: 6517



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H132

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11; 88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Route: H133

Segment: 1223



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

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), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H133

No public comments for this Route

Route: H134

Segment: 1230



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H134

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H135**

 **Segment: 6519**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H135

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H136**

 **Segment: 1222**

Designation



Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

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), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H136

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H137**

 **Segment: 1216**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Public Comments On Route: H137

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H146**

 **Segment: 1390**

Designation



Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery

- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

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: H146

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11;88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Route: H147

Segment: 1249



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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: 1251



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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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: H147

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: H148**

 **Segment: 1224**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit

public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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: 1226



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk 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: H148

No public comments for this Route

Route: H149

Segment: 1213



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

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: H149

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone H - 16 Rd access North of North Fruita Desert area/Barrel Springs Trails (as its known by many) There arent that many motorized access roads in this area, and we prefer not to lose ANY of them. We and our friends love to take the ride on H12 & H149 to Echo lake. In Alternative B, it is slated for administrative use. Keep it open for public use. H2 provides a great trail and great views. Again, dont close it. Recently we rode this area and it was all dry, with just a few small flowing stream/water crossings. We did 63 miles of riding on these diverse trails with beautiful scenery. Also saw some deer and a peregrine falcon on H2. We have also seen bear and deer on a previous visits, different trail but same area. This area includes very enjoyable trails with diverse technical aspects and we would hate to lose any of them. Its great to get out of the hot desert environment, on those 100+ degree days. This area of trails is also a important to WSATVA members and planned club rides. We wouldnt mind Post Canyon Trail to just be open to 50" or under OHVs. Of course biking, hiking, horse would still have access with that designation.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Route: H150

Segment: 232



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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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: H150

No public comments for this Route

Route: H151

Segment: 233

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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