



BLM GJFO Travel Plan Route Report

Route: J10

Segment: 1959



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

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 Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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 improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: J10

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: J100**

 **Segment: 575**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- 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 maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- 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)

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

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

Segment: 3037



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- 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 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)

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

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

Public Comments On Route: J100

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 1 46; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Route: J102

Segment: 6908



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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

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: J102

No public comments for this Route

☐ Route: J103

☐ Segment: 3012



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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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 improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: 572



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

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range

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

- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: 3032



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

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
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- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: J103

No public comments for this Route

Route: J104

Segment: 2216



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

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 Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- 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 Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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: 6749



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

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 Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

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 Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as

reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

Segment: 2094



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

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
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

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 Mancos Shale soils.

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- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: J104

Commenter Name: Strand, John Organization: BLM Designated monitor for Demaree Wilderness Study Area

Submission Code: emc0632 Recommended: Closed

Zone J, Demaree WSA, Alternatives B, C, D. Travel Management. Routes J347, J41, J53. Access to Camp Gulch Canyon. With the probable closure of access to Demaree Canyon itself to the east, there will be limited access to the southeastern border of the WSA by ordinary clearance vehicles that are used by many non-local visitors and others. It is recommended that this access to Camp Gulch Canyon from Mitchell Road be kept open. This will disperse visitors and can avoid having the Dry Canyon Wash area become the main south access to the WSA and the resulting problems caused by heavy use. Most of this route is currently passable except for a single gully crossing very close to Mitchell Road. A culvert and some road fill will be needed to allow for dependable access past this gully. If some other low clearance route can be created from the other routes that cross this area (e.g., J52, J40, J41), that would be great. (Note: J104 is not currently passable for low clearance vehicles.)

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085 Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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 **Route: J105**

 **Segment: 416**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- 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)

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

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

Segment: 421



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- 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)

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

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

Segment: 418



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- 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)

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

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

Public Comments On Route: J105

No public comments for this Route

Route: J106

Segment: 3063



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

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): Open (All modes of travel)

Segment: 3048



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

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): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J106

No public comments for this Route

Route: J107

Segment: 3064



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way
- Sign private property boundary

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- 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 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)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

Public Comments On Route: J107

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: J108**

 **Segment: 3083**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Public Comments On Route: J108

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: J109**

 **Segment: 3020**



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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

 **Segment: 3080**

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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
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- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: J109

No public comments for this Route

Route: J11

Segment: 1856



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as

reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- 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: J11

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 146; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Route: J110

Segment: 2995

Designation



Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 2999



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 3081



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 3088



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

☐ Segment: 2692



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 2752



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 2813



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 2863



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 2974



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Segment: 2864



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- 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)

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

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

Public Comments On Route: J110

No public comments for this Route

Route: J111

Segment: 2005



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

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

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability

and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: J111

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: J113**

 **Segment: 1697**



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 Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- 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 Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- 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

Segment: 1871



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 Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

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 not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

 **Segment: 6675**

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 Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

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 not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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: J113

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommened: Closed

Zone J, Demaree WSA, Alternatives A, B, C, D. Travel Management - Route Designation Change.

Route J113, on all maps on which it occurs and for the entire route. [This comment is photographically documented at S:\Programs\Recreation\4. Monitoring - Visitor Stats\7. WSA\Demaree\John Strand Photos See Properties for details .] This route is shown as currently open for use (Alt A) and proposed for partial closure and rehabilitation with the remainder closest to Mitchell Road (Alts B, C, D) remaining available for administrative use. Currently none of Route J113 is available for any use as this entire route was rehabilitated in 2011 from the gas pad back all the way to Mitchell Road. Route J113 is now closed and should be removed. All RMP maps and documents should be updated to reflect this change. Mileages in connection with proposed closures may also be updated to show a reduction.

Commenter Name: Strand, John

Organization: BLM Designated monitor for Demaree Wilderness Study Area

Submission Code: emc0362

Recommened: Closed

2. Zone J, Demaree WSA, Alternatives A, B, C, D. Travel Management - Route Designation Change.

Route J113, on all maps on which it occurs and for the entire route. [This comment is photographically documented at S:\Programs\Recreation\4. Monitoring -Visitor Stats\7. WSA\Demaree\John Strand Photos See Properties for details .] This route is shown as currently open for use (Alt A) and proposed for partial closure and rehabilitation with the remainder closest to Mitchell Road (Alts B, C, D) remaining available for administrative use. Currently none of Route J113 is available for any use as this entire route was rehabilitated in 2011 from the gas pad back all the way to Mitchell Road. Route J113 is now closed and should be removed. All RMP maps and documents should be updated to reflect this change. Mileages in connection with proposed closures may also be updated to show a reduction.

Commenter Name: Strand, John

Organization: BLM Designated monitor for Demaree Wilderness Study Area

Submission Code: emc0632

Recommened: Closed

3. Zone J, Demaree WSA, Alternatives A, B, C, D. Travel Management - Route Designation Changes.

Routes J345 and J6, on all maps on which they occur and for the entire combined routes. [This comment is photographically documented at S:\Programs\Recreation\4. Monitoring - Visitor Stats\7.

WSA\Demaree\John Strand Photos See Properties for details.] Routes J345 and J6 are shown as currently open for use (Alt A) and proposed for closure and rehabilitation (Alts B, C, D). All of Route J345 (gas pad area) was rehabilitated in 2011 and again in 2012. There is a small extension of the original J345 route that continues for several hundred feet up the hill beyond the gas pad that was not rehabilitated in either 2011 or 2012. Nevertheless, Route J345 is now closed for any use and should be removed. Route J6 from the top edge of the ravine just outside the WSA to the gas pad within the WSA was rehabilitated in 2011 and again in 2012. This portion is now closed for any use and should be removed. For the remainder of Route J6 back to Mitchell Road, it is recommended that this short portion of J6 remain open to provide off-road parking for hikers, campers and hunters who make use of this part

of the southern area of the WSA and its canyons. Mitchell Road does not provide adequate opportunities for parking. Additionally, with the closure of Route J113, uncontrolled parking is starting to develop at the mouth of nearby Dry Canyon Wash that keeping J6 open might help reduce. There is a large clearing at the canyon end of the open part of J6 that has already been used for occasional dispersed camping.

Committer Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 1 46; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Route: J115

Segment: 2333



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer 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.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

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

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

Public Comments On Route: J115

No public comments for this Route

Route: J116

Segment: 2911



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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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 in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: J116

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 1 46; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Route: J118

Segment: 415



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- 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)

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

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

Segment: 3031



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- 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)

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

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

Segment: 3038



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- 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 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)

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

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

Segment: 3061



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- 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)

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

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

Segment: 3098



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- 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 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)

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

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

Public Comments On Route: J118

No public comments for this Route

Route: J119

Segment: 3170



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

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

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability

and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Segment: 3160



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
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J119

No public comments for this Route

Route: J12

Segment: 6725

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.
- **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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- 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)

Public Comments On Route: J12

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Recommened: Foot/Horse

We have particular concerns over routes J12, J291, J292, J284, J286, and the trails starting with J266. We do not believe that these should be open for motorized use as that is in contradiction to lands with wilderness characteristics inventory for the area. Rather they should be closed to motorized and mechanized travel as recommended in Alternative C.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone .J Road J12. CPW recommends J 12 stay open to all motorized vehicles with a big game seasonal winter range closure to protect mule deer. BLMs Alternative B proposes the same. Road J203. Road 1203 is an important access road for deer hunters; CPW recommends that it stay open to all vehicles with a big game seasonal winter range closure. BLM is proposing the same in Alternative B. Road J343. CPW recommends that J343 remain open to point of J6 intersection. Road J36. CPW recommends that J36 remain open. BLMs Alternatives B and D propose that the road remain open. Road J53. CPW

recommends that Road J53 remain open to all motor vehicles.

Route: J122

Segment: 3273



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 Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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)

Segment: 3129



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

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

☐ Segment: 3179



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

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as

reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- 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: J122

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: J123**

 **Segment: 3272**

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 Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos

Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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: 3333



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 Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and

minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J123

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: J127**

 **Segment: 3332**



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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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: J127

No public comments for this Route

Route: J129

Segment: 3334

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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos

Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

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

Public Comments On Route: J129

No public comments for this Route

Route: J130

Segment: 1943



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

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 Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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 in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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 rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Segment: 1945



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

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 Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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 in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- 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 rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Segment: 2002



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

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

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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 Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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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.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

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: 2003



Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

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Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J130

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: J131**

 **Segment: 3200**

Designation



Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale