



BLM GJFO Travel Plan Route Report

☐ **Route: M100**

☐ **Segment: 6125**



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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- 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 with potential severe erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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 reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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: 6132



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
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Rationale for Decision

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production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

- 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.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M100

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommened: Admin/Permitted Use Only

In Coal Canyon, we would recommend Alternative C travel zone management for this area. Specifically, we would propose that the entire route complex of M101, M100, M145, M242, M293, M261, M140, M164, M181, and M185 should be administrative use only.

Route: M101

Segment: 6030



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6032



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6119



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

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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
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6122



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

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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
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6127



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6133



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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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 Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- 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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6014



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M101

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0597

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles.

These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Reccomended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

In Coal Canyon, we would recommend Alternative C travel zone management for this area. Specifically, we would propose that the entire route complex of M101, M100, M145, M242, M293, M261, M140, M164, M181, and M185 should be administrative use only.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure

The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Submission Code: emc0773

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Route: M103

Segment: 6011



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Segment: 6029



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- 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 to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M103

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M104**

 **Segment: 6013**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Segment: 7338



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M104

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M105**

 **Segment: 6012**

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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- 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 to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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 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: M105

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M106**

 **Segment: 6044**



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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little

Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.

- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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: M106

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M107**

 **Segment: 6120**



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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- 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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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 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: 6124



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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- 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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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: M107

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M108**

 **Segment: 6036**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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- **Wilderness Natural Area:** Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- 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 to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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

Public Comments On Route: M108

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0082

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone M should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes M: 197,204,202, 217, 209,195,215,401,402,211,406,412,407,419,382, 72, 73, 60, 65, CVI, 50, 58,46,47,92,81,93, 91, 83, 108, 164, 185, 13, 181, 164. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone M routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Route: M109

Segment: 5989

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- 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 to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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

Public Comments On Route: M109

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M110**

 **Segment: 6039**

Designation



Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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 reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- 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

Public Comments On Route: M110

No public comments for this Route

Route: M111

Segment: 6126



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M111

No public comments for this Route

Route: M114

Segment: 6253



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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M114

No public comments for this Route

Route: M116

Segment: 6258



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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- 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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M116

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M122**

 **Segment: 7492**

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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- 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 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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M122

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M126**

 **Segment: 6308**

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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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 reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M126

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M129**

 **Segment: 6363**

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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- 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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M129

No public comments for this Route

Route: M13

Segment: 6360



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

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

Segment: 6394



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

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

☐ Segment: 6305



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute

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

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

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 reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 7422



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute

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

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- 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 reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

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

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

Public Comments On Route: M13

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone M Comments: The town of Palisades focus on mountain bike and generally trail based recreation will include a focus on the Bookcliffs. The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Cyn Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcelpowerplant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding. The opportunity to create a singletrack connection between the Fruita area (and yet further westward) and the Palisade area will likely only be realized with connectivity through Zone M. In long term route planning, an endend trail connection for the valley is a much desired asset.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Route Comments: Continued access along M13 (Coal Cyn Road) is very important. The land on east side of M13 should be considered for singletrack route in future development (between M13 and Mt. Lincoln). The route inventory around Mt Lincoln is incomplete, including access from Cameo and other existing routes. M242 provides westward access to Zone H which ultimately can allow connection to the North Fruita Desert trail area in Zone I. This linkage is critical for one portion of valley wide trail connection (northern boundary region of the valley). Routes M181 and M185 should remain accessible by mechanized users. These are very long standing routes in the area and provide the only direct access to the Bookcliff face in the Palisade area. Local users access this ridgeline commonly, and continued legal routes are needed. The solitude found in this area is surprising considering the very close proximity to the valley and the interstate, and the views and huge relief from the Bookcliff face are inspiring.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Continues access along M13 (Coal Cyn Road) is very important. The land on east side of M13 should be considered for singletrack route in future development (between M13 and Mt. Lincoln).

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

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Continued mountain bike access along M13 (Coal Canyon Road) is very important. We would also like to see the land on east side of M13 be considered for future trail development (between M13 and Mt. Lincoln). M242 provides westward access to Zone H which ultimately can allow connection to the North Fruita Desert trail area in Zone I. This linkage is critical for one portion of valley wide trail connection (northern boundary region of the valley). We ask that routes M181 and M185 remain accessible to mountain bike users. These routes have a long history of mountain bike use and provide the only direct access to the Bookcliff face in the Palisade area. Local users access this ridgeline commonly, and formalized routes are needed to mitigate impact. The solitude found in this area is surprising and important, especially considering the very close proximity to the valley and the interstate.

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

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles O830/831/833 and O825/O2060

O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 -

should remain accessible, form loop route. O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued

access off of the Mesa top O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108

provides nice high access for later connection O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats O75 -

access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing

trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132,

and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of

existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east. O57 provide access northward

from upper reaches of Blowout - very important ridgeline to long range route options. O14 is a nice

established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail

needs to be added to map O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa

direction and upper altitudes. In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail

based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that

is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline

of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area

riding. The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13).

There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail,

as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is

decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails

in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support

improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0082

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone M should remain open

to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes M: 197,204,202, 217,

209,195,215,401,402,211,406,412,407,419,382, 72, 73, 60, 65, CVI, 50, 58,46,47,92,81,93, 91, 83, 108,

164, 185, 13, 181, 164. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally

established on the entire list of Zone M routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and

capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0597

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting

with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

☐ **Route: M130**

☐ **Segment: 6307**



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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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 with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M130

No public comments for this Route

Route: M131

Segment: 6310



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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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 reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M131

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M133**

 **Segment: 6328**



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute

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

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

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 with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M133

No public comments for this Route

 **Route: M140**

 **Segment: 6431**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

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

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6435



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

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

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6400



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **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
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

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

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Segment: 6390



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

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- 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 reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- 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