

## Summary of Analysis\*

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2. Does the area appear to be natural?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for **solitude** or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?  Yes  No  N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values?  Yes  No  N/A

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics (Form 2)**

**Area Unique Identifier:** UT-C010-217 Needle Mountain

**Acreage:** 6,488

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

**(1) Is the area of sufficient size?**  Yes  No

*Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.)*

The initial inventory boundary was delineated through a GIS exercise based on roads, land ownership and Rights of Way. The road data were digitized by AGRC using ARC/Info from USGS 7.5 Minute quadrangle maps. Roads with codes (1-4, 1 Primary Route, 2 Secondary Route, 3 Primary Road and 4 Secondary Road) were used initially as wilderness inventory roads and field verified during the inventory process to determine if they met the FLPMA definition of a road. The northern boundary is the Eagle valley Road. The eastern boundary is the wilderness characteristics boundary road RT 058393. The southern boundary is the Choke Cherry road and the western boundary is road L104967 which leads into Nevada.

**(2) Does the area appear to be natural?**  Yes  No  N/A

*Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities)*

The unit is comprised of BLM land. The unit is in the Northwest corner of Iron County. The topography of the unit has Approximately 1,500 feet of relief within area boundaries, from top of highest peak on south end of unit (8,000 ft.) to Hamlin Valley to the east (6,500 ft.). Topography ranges from rolling hills to relatively flat. Vegetation in the unit is dominated by juniper and pinyon pine. Some sagebrush / bunchgrass in the NE corner (old veg. treatment). Human impacts include an old chaining and a few range improvements. The area does appear to have naturalness in the sense of being undeveloped.

**(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?**

Yes  No  N/A

*Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):*

The western half (UT-C010-217) of the area has outstanding opportunities for solitude due to moderate relief in topography and vegetation type which provides sufficient screening from other visitors in the area.

**(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**  Yes  No  N/A

*Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):*

The opportunity for primitive/unconfined recreation exists, but those opportunities are not outstanding.

**(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?**  Yes  No  N/A

*Description:*

**Current Conditions:** Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics (Form 2)

**Area Unique Identifier:** UT-C010-217A Needle Mountain

**Acreage:** 1,490

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*Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities)*

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Yes  No  N/A

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*Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):*

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*Description:*

**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics (Form 2)**

**Area Unique Identifier:** UT-C010-217AB&C Needle Mountain

**Acreage:** 217B-508 Acres

217C-69 acres

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

**(1) Is the area of sufficient size?**  Yes  No

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**(2) Does the area appear to be natural?**  Yes  No  N/A

*Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities)*

These two sub units were excluded due to the areas being chained after the 2012 White Rock Range Fire. Though these subunits do not currently meet the naturalness criteria in years to come these two areas will appear natural to the common visitor and could be included into the overall unit.

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Yes  No  N/A

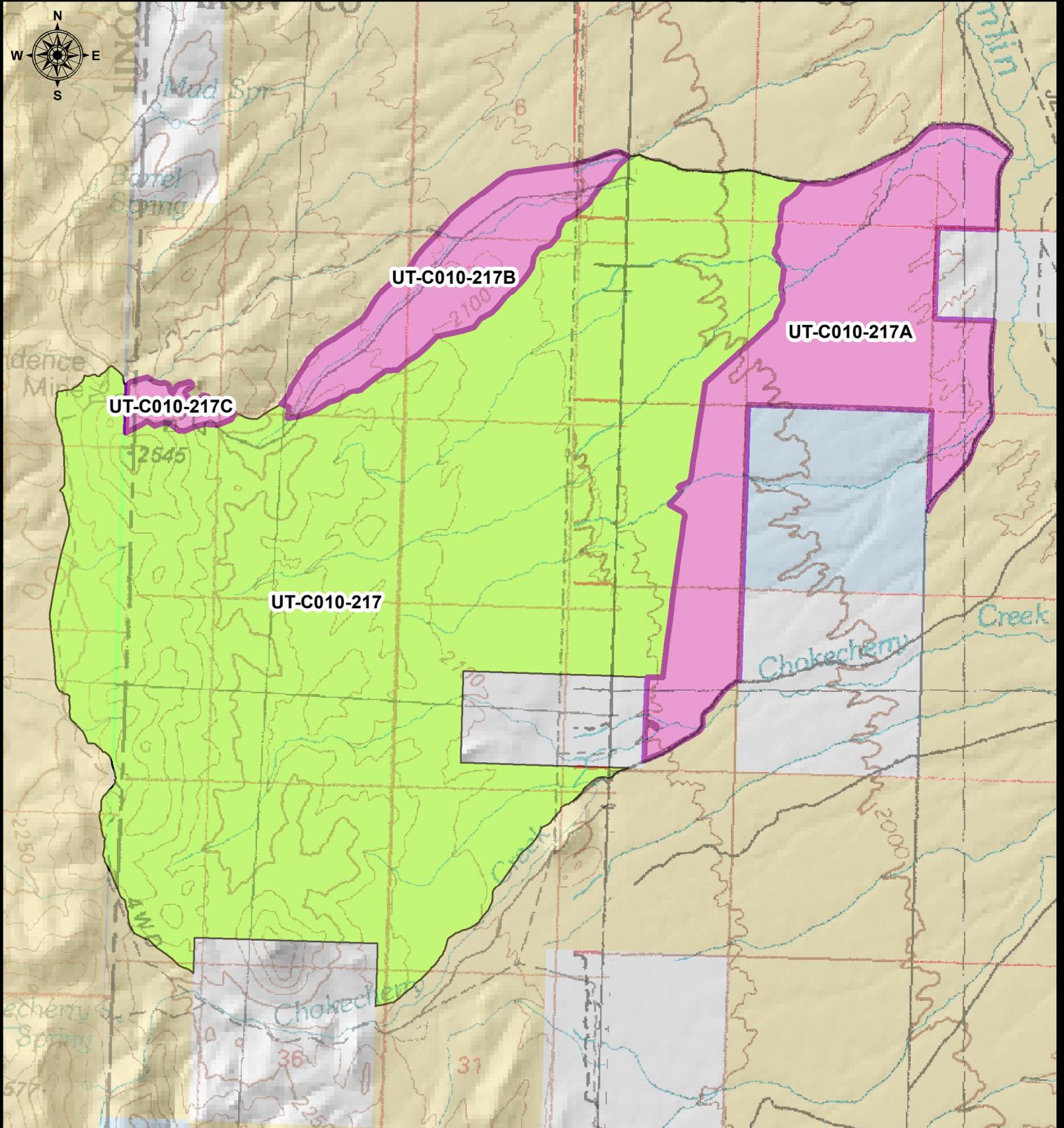
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*Description:*



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- Lands With Wilderness Characteristics

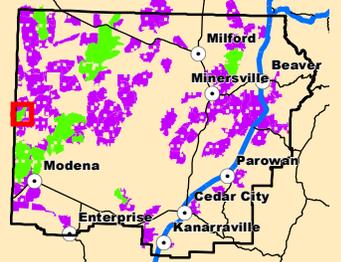
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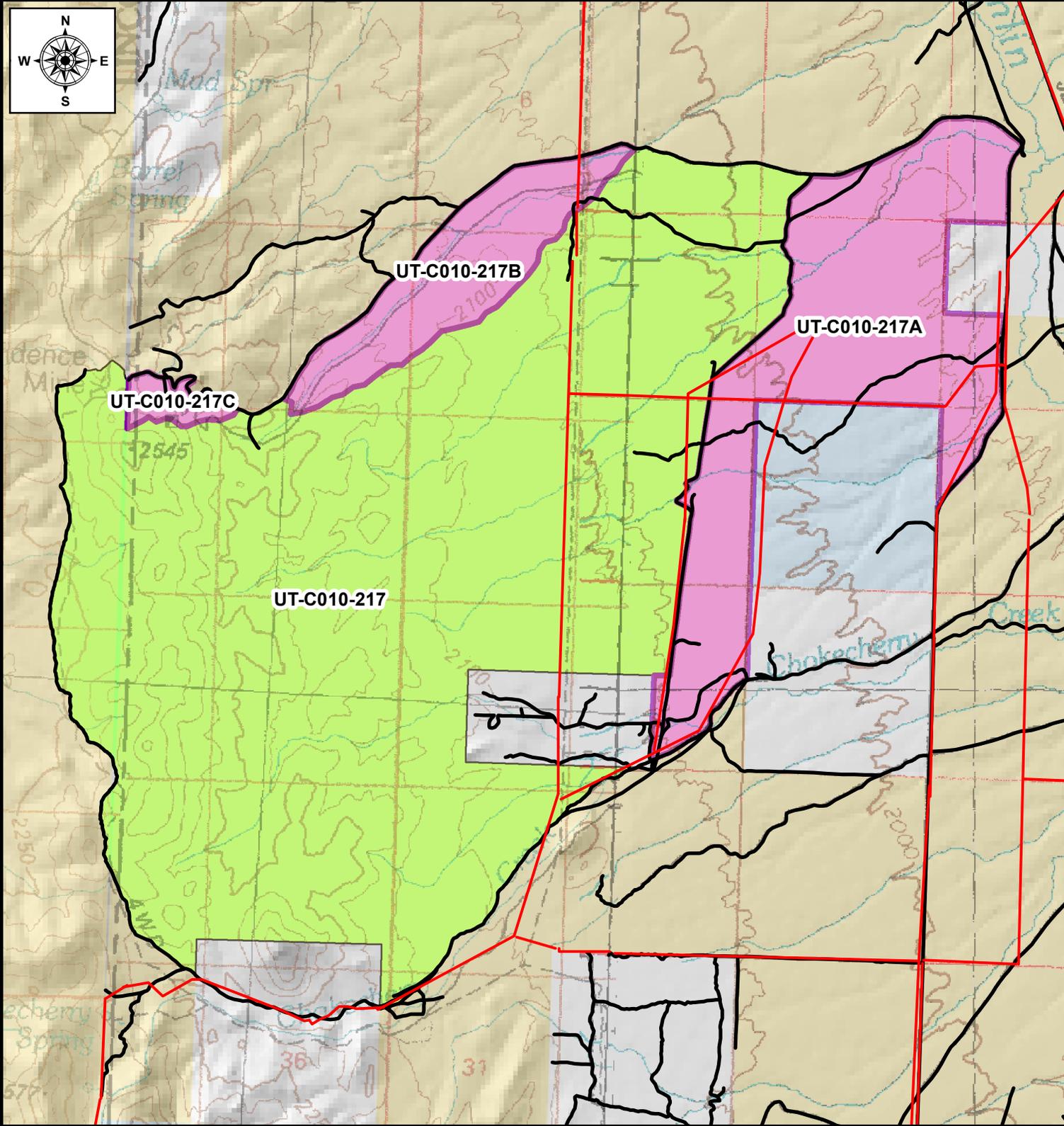
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- No Wilderness Characteristics
- Lands With Wilderness Characteristics
- Range Improvement
- Range Improvement
- Roads & Routes

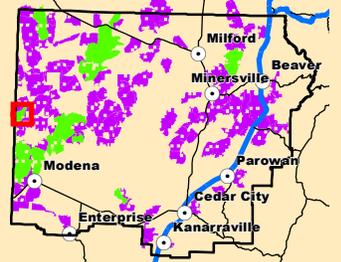
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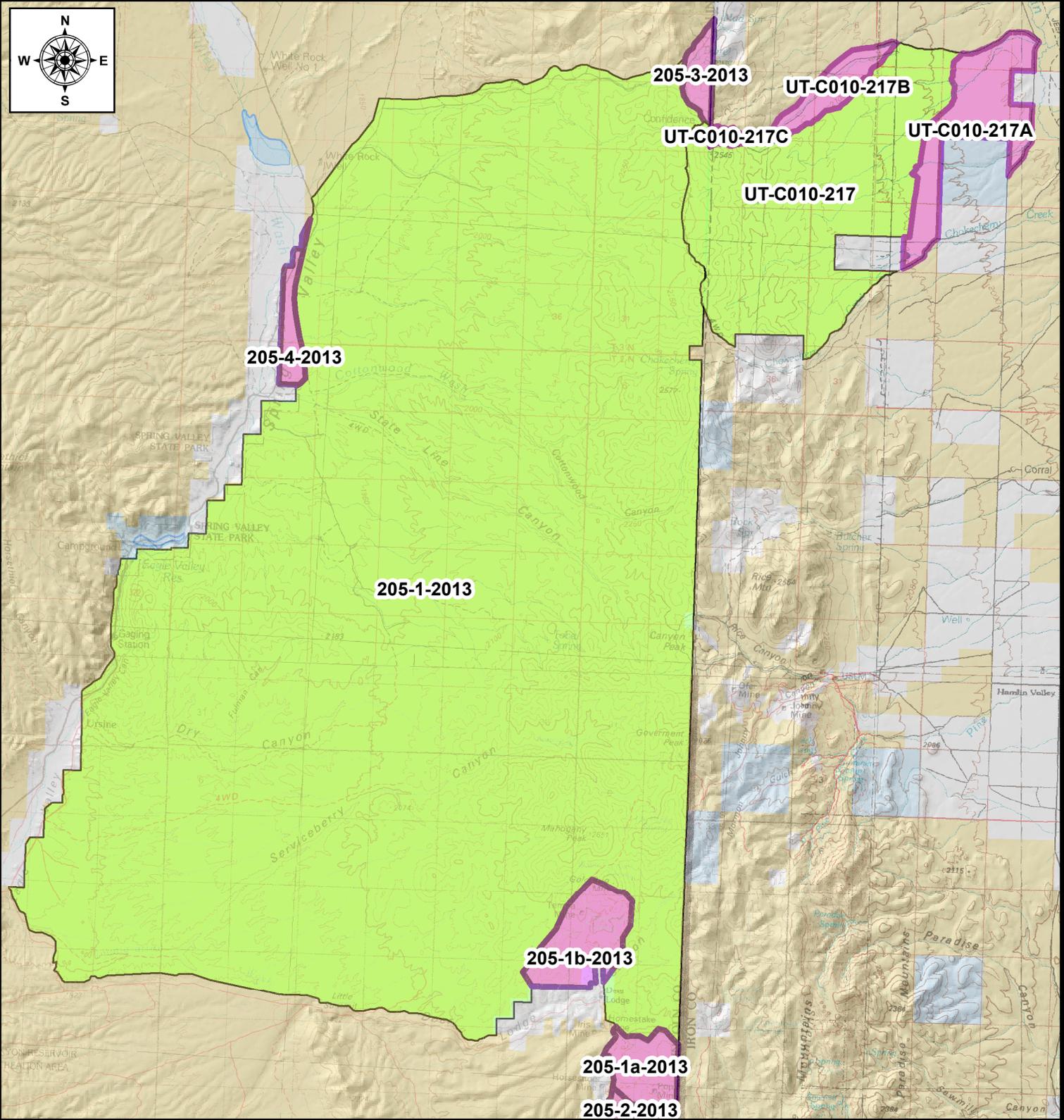
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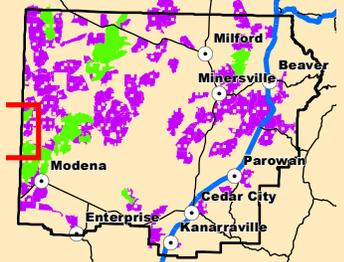
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## LWC- Photo Log

Photographer(s): Hite, Egerton

Inventory Area Name & No. UT-C010-217 Needle Mountain

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location E	GPS/UTM Location N	Sec.
7-18-2011	0001	West	Looking @ road	236269	4219028	
7-18-2011	0002	North	Toward pinyon	236269	4219028	
7-18-2011	0003	South	Looking @ pinyon	236269	4219028	
7-18-2011	0004	North	Looking up road	233047	4217772	
7-18-2011	0005	South	Looking down road	233047	4217772	
7-18-2011	0006	East	Looking east road	233047	4217772	
7-18-2011	0007	North	Looking north road	237123	4219585	
7-18-2011	0008	North	Bridge / railroad ties	237130	4219752	
7-18-2011	0009	North	Looking north	237179	4219601	
7-18-2011	0010	North	Looking north	237358	4221856	
7-18-2011	0011	North	Picture of blade-pushed debris pile (evidence of mechanical construction)	237522	4222047	
7-18-2011	0012	North	Picture of blade-pushed debris pile (evidence of mechanical construction)	237626	4222676	
7-18-2011	0013	North	Trough	238252	4223443	





**Chokecherry Road. Gate in old fence.  
Looking SW. 0001**



**Chokecherry Rd. looking north along  
substantially unnoticeable fence. Photo  
#07\_18\_2011\_0002**



**Needle Mtns looking south out of unit.  
Photo #07\_18\_2011\_0003**



**Needle Mtns. Chokecherry Road view  
to NW. Photo #07\_18\_2011\_0004**



**Chokecherry Rd split in SW corner of unit. View to south. Photo # 07\_18\_2011.005**



**SW corner of unit looking toward area recommended to remove from LWC. Needle Mtns Photo#07\_18\_2011\_0006**



**Needle Mtns. Looking north along private property bndry. Photo #07\_18\_2011\_007**



**Needle Mtns. Old bridge actually outside of unit. Photo #07\_18\_2011\_0008**



**Needle Mtns. Road just outside unit, looking north. Photo #07\_18\_2011\_0009**



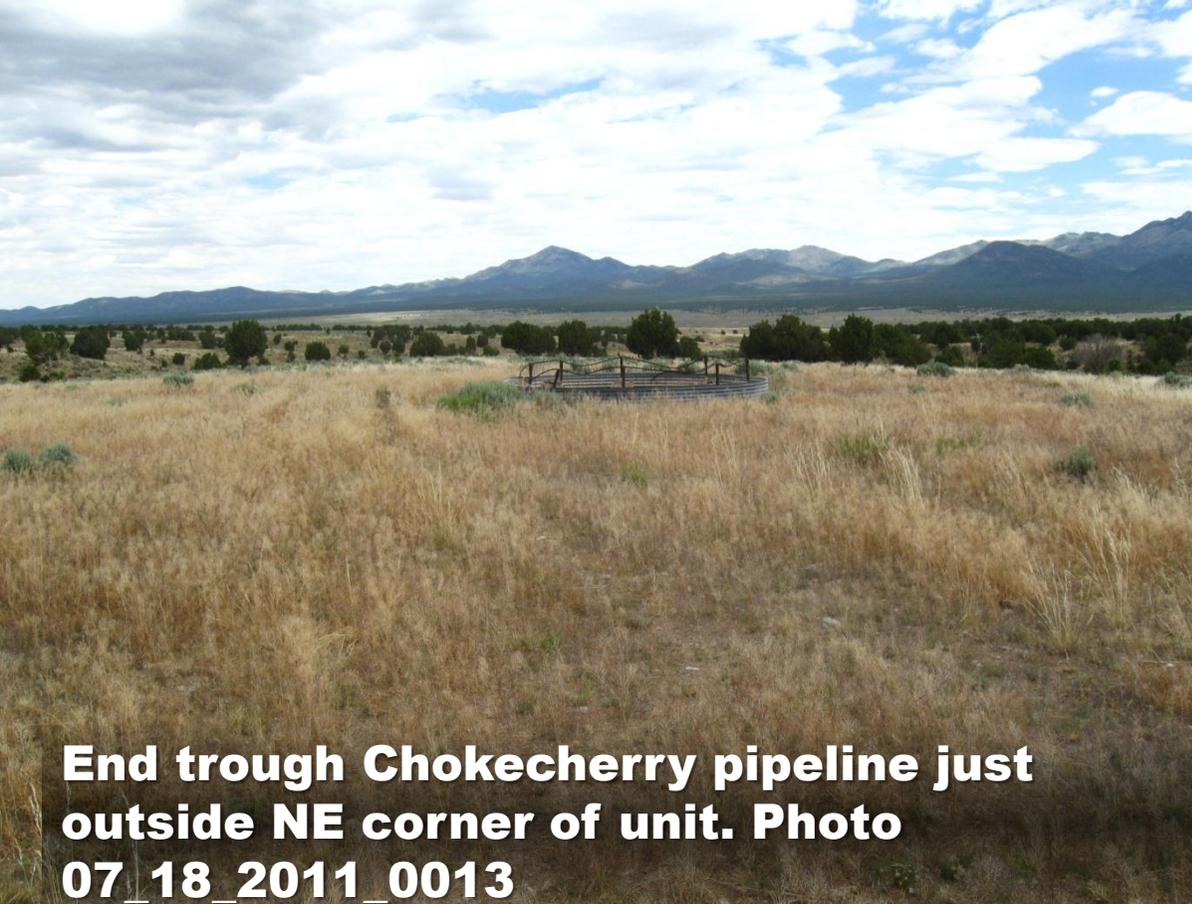
**Needle Mtns. Chokecherry pipeline boundary road. Photo #07\_18\_2011\_0010**



**Debris & dirt pushed by heavy equip. Chokecherry pipeline rd. Photo 7\_18\_2011\_0011**



**Needle Mtns. More debris. Pipeline rd. looking north. Photo 07\_18\_2011\_0012**



**End trough Chokecherry pipeline just  
outside NE corner of unit. Photo  
07\_18\_2011\_0013**



**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY  
APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup>**

*Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>2</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes*

**Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier:** UT-C010-217 Needle Mountain

**Route or Route Segment<sup>3</sup> Name and/or Identifier:** L104967

*(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)*

**I. LOCATION:** Refer to BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

**Describe:**

GPS-UTM  
(start of route)  
N 4219032  
E 236269

GPS-UTM  
(End of route)  
N 4217772  
E 233047

**II. ROUTE CONTEXT**

A. Current Purpose<sup>4</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

**Describe:** Ranching and recreation

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes  No  Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes  No  Unknown

**Explain:**

### III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

#### **A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:**

Yes  (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below)

No  (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

**A.1. Construction:** (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes  No

Examples: Paved  Bladed  Graveled  Roadside Berms  Cut/Fill  Other

**Describe:** Berms on the side of the road.

**A.2. Improvements:** (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes  No  If "yes": by Hand Tools  by Machine

Examples: Culverts  Hardened Stream Crossings  Bridges  Drainage  Barriers

Other

**Describe:**

**B. Maintenance:** (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?):

Yes  (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked "yes" below)

No  (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked "no" below)

**B.1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?**

Yes  No

If "yes": by Hand Tools  by Machine

**Explain:** Numerous trees have been limbed, Hand-cutting with chainsaw to allow pickup access

**B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?** Yes  No

**Explain:** Private access (yearlong residents) would continue to be important

**C. Relatively regular and continuous use:** (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes  No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>6</sup>

**Describe:** Evidence of regular vehicle use

#### IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>7</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes  = Wilderness Inventory Road                      No  = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

**Explanations:** This road was used as a boundary in the citizen proposal.

**Evaluator(s):** Craig Egerton

**Date:** 10/3/2011

**Evaluator(s):** Sheri Whitfield

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<sup>2</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

<sup>3</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

4. The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

5 Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

6 Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

7 If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

8 Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY**  
**APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup>**

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**Describe:** Ranching and recreation

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1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes  No  Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

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Yes  No  Unknown

**Explain:**

### III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

#### **A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:**

Yes  (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked “yes” below)

No  (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked “no” below)

**A.1. Construction:** (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes  No

Examples: Paved  Bladed  Graveled  Roadside Berms  Cut/Fill  Other

**Describe: “Cat piles” pushed off of road – soil and dead trees**

**A.2. Improvements:** (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes  No  If “yes”: by Hand Tools  by Machine

Examples: Culverts  Hardened Stream Crossings  Bridges  Drainage  Barriers

Other

**Describe:**

**B. Maintenance:** (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?):

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No  (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

**B.1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?**

Yes  No

If “yes”: by Hand Tools  by Machine

**Explain:** Numerous trees have been limbed, Hand-cutting with chainsaw to allow pickup access

**B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes  No**

**Explain:** Private access (yearlong residents) would continue to be important

**C. Relatively regular and continuous use:** (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes  No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>6</sup>

**Describe:** Evidence of regular vehicle use

#### IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>7</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes  = Wilderness Inventory Road      No  = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

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**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY  
APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup>**

*Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>2</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes*

**Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier:** UT-C010-217 Needle Mountain

**Route or Route Segment<sup>3</sup> Name and/or Identifier:** RT 058393

*(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)*

**I. LOCATION:** Refer to BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

**Describe:**

GPS-UTM  
(start of route)  
N 4219601  
E 237179

GPS-UTM  
(End of route)  
N 4220296  
E 237272

**II. ROUTE CONTEXT**

A. Current Purpose<sup>4</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

**Describe:** Ranching and recreation

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes  No  Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes  No  Unknown

**Explain:**

### III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

#### **A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:**

Yes  (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked “yes” below)

No  (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked “no” below)

**A.1. Construction:** (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes  No

Examples: Paved  Bladed  Graveled  Roadside Berms  Cut/Fill  Other

**Describe:** Cat piles” pushed off of road – soil and dead trees

**A.2. Improvements:** (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes  No  If “yes”: by Hand Tools  by Machine

Examples: Culverts  Hardened Stream Crossings  Bridges  Drainage  Barriers

Other

**Describe:**

**B. Maintenance:** (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?):

Yes  (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below)

No  (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

**B.1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?**

Yes  No

If “yes”: by Hand Tools  by Machine

**Explain:** There is evidence of old cat piles, some cut & fill, blading, trough, etc. but no recent maintenance

**B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes  No**

**Explain:** Needed to access pipeline, allotments, fire management

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**Describe:** Vehicle tracks

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**FORM 1**

**Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record**

**1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?**

No  (Go to Form 2)

Yes  (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.): NV-040-205 (1978) UT-040-017 depicted on the maps in Utah (Wilderness Inventory State of Utah, US Government Printing Office 1979 678-663)

**a) Inventory Source:** Field Form IPP 10-27-1978

**b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** NV-040-205 & UT-040-017 (1978) & (UT-C010-217, 217A) (2014)

**c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):**

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**d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Cedar City Field Office and Ely Field Office

**2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:**

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

**Inventory Source:** IPP 10-27-1978

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
NV-040-205	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes

**Inventory Notes:** Based on the field form it appears that this inventory included a large portion of UT-040-017 Paradise Mountains