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Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Revenue Gulch Gate Installation
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1. Description of the Proposed Action

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would install two gates on private land, with permission from the land owner and easement holder (see attached map). These two locations provide access to the Revenue Gulch Area, which is managed by BLM. No routes within the area are designated in the Coeur d'Alene Field Office Resource Management Plan. The area contains valuable big game habitat that would be disturbed by motorized vehicle use.

In addition to the gates, educational signage at high use access points would be installed that addresses the need for restrictions to protect valuable wildlife habitat and provide non-motorized recreation opportunities. The project proposes to install one gate on an Avista Easement at the east end of the project area, and one gate on private land located at the west end of the project area near Revenue Gulch Road. Installation and maintenance of these gates is integral to protecting wildlife habitat and providing non-motorized recreation opportunities which are desired by the public and adjacent landowners. (MAP 1).

The proposed gates would be installed in the summer or fall of 2015. The gates would be made of steel and would conform to the U.S. Forest Service Type IV Gate Design. No changes to route designation would be made and none of the existing routes in the area would be open to motorized use. No route maintenance would occur.

While none of the routes within the project area are open to motorized use, year-round unauthorized use is occurring which adversely affects big game habitat. Installing gates at the two proposed locations (MAP 1) would reduce the amount of illegal motorized use in Revenue Gulch and better protect wildlife habitat throughout the year.

2. Location

Revenue Gulch is located east of the town of Silverton and west of the town of Wallace (See MAP 1).

Boise Meridian, Idaho
T. 48 N., R. 4 E.,
sec. 21, NW¼NE¼;
sec. 23, lot 14.

3. Land Use Plan Conformance

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), this proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in 2007. It is consistent with the following decisions from the RMP:

Allocation TM-1.1.2 – Except for snowmobile use, motorized vehicle travel will be restricted within limited areas to designated routes as mapped and quantified as follows:

- 108 miles of motorized routes available to all classes of vehicles year-round
- 68 miles of motorized routes available with restrictions by vehicle class or season of use

Action TM-1.1.6 – Apply cross-country travel restrictions to mechanized nonmotorized forms of travel the same as snowmobiles.

Action TM-1.2.4 – BLM roads will be explicitly designated as administrative routes except roads subsequently designated public in accordance with Action TM-1.2.3. Public use of both public and administrative routes will be allowed in accordance with established restrictions.

4. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under NEPA in accordance with :

516 DM 11.9.G.(2) Installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, waterbars, gates, or cattleguards on/or adjacent to roads and trails identified in any land use or transportation plan, or eligible for incorporation in such plan.

Application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix C, exist.

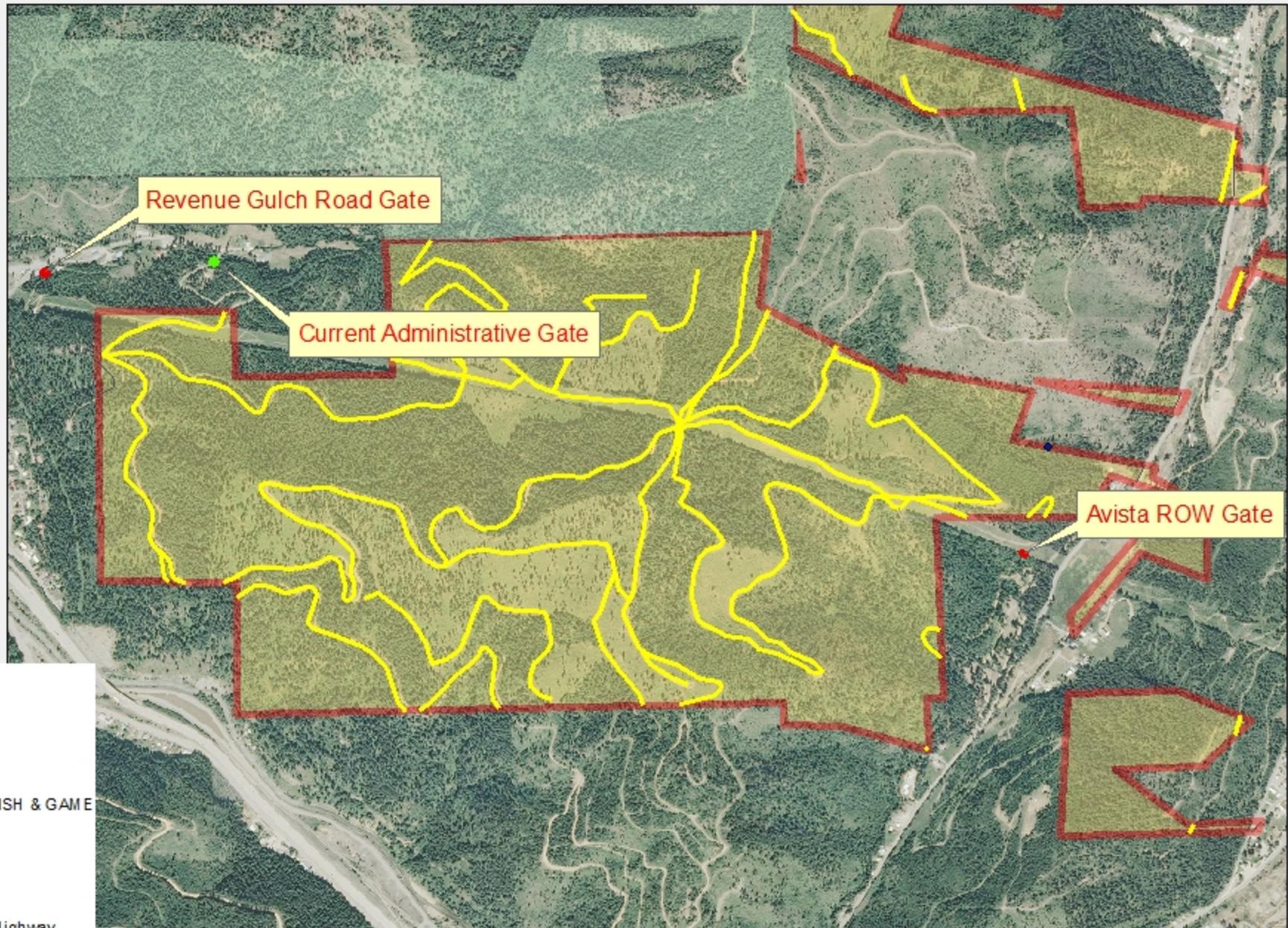
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Revenue Gulch-Ninemile OHV Route Designation Proposed Gate Locations



Revenue Gulch Road Gate

Current Administrative Gate

Avista ROW Gate

Legend

- BLM
- PRIVATE
- STATE
- IDAHO FISH & GAME
- TRIBE
- USFS
- WATER
- Primary Highway
- Secondary Highway
- Light Duty Road
- Unimproved Road
- TRAIL



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