

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Coeur d'Alene Field Office
3815 N Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

DECISION RECORD
Revenue Gulch Gate Installation
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1. Background

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to install two gates on private land, with permission from the land owner and easement holder (Map 1). 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 will be installed that addresses the need for restrictions to protect valuable wildlife habitat and provide non-motorized recreation opportunities. The BLM 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).

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.

2. Decision

It is my decision to install two gates on lands adjacent to Revenue Gulch with the permission and cooperation of the landowner and easement owner, as described above. Gates will be installed in the summer or fall of 2015. Gates will be made of steel and will conform to the U.S. Forest Service Type IV Gate Design.

3. Authority

This is a general public land decision in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as Amended, Section 301.

4. Rationale

While none of 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.

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:

Action 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.

5. Public Involvement

Installation of these gates was previously proposed in connection with a broader proposal for travel management changes. The BLM conducted a public scoping and comment period for the previous proposal in 2013. This included a public meeting held in Wallace, ID on August 15, 2013 as well as a 90 day comment period from August to October of 2013. During that time it became apparent from written and oral comments, as well as a letter from a Shoshone County Commissioner, that the majority of those commenting preferred to continue to leave routes within Revenue Gulch undesignated and to further secure the area from unauthorized motorized use by reducing illegal access into the area with installation of gates.

6. Coordination and Consultation

During the scoping for the previous proposal, mentioned in Paragraph 5 above, the BLM consulted with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Shoshone County, and local fire management authorities. None of these entities commented about the proposed gates at that time.

7. Protest and Appeal

This decision constitutes my final decision. Any party that is adversely affected by it may appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. A notice of appeal must be filed in this office (Bureau of Land Management Coeur d'Alene Field Office- 3815 N Schreiber Way Coeur d'Alene,

ID 83815) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The Notice of appeal must be sent certified mail. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error in a statement of reasons. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300-QC, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal with the authorized officer. Any request for stay of this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, must be filed with your notice of appeal.

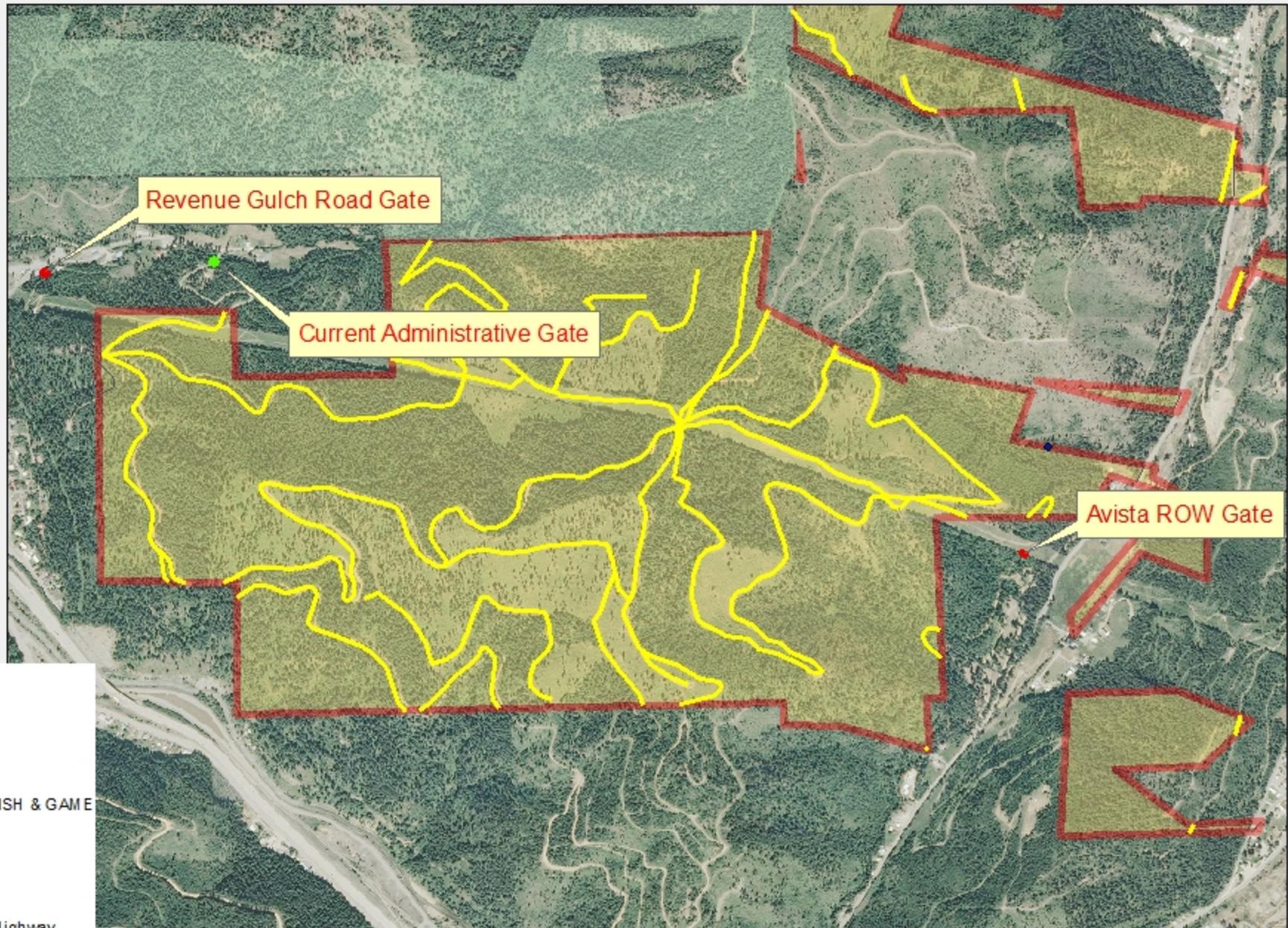
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Date

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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