

**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MCINNIS CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506**

**DECISION RECORD
MACK RIDGE TRAILS
DOI-BLM-CO-N034-2015-0001-EA**

DECISION:

It is my decision to authorize the Mack Ridge trails project as described in the attached environmental assessment (EA). The proposed action would construct 6.4 miles of new and rerouted trails, and rehab 0.75 miles of unsustainable trail.

This decision is contingent on meeting all mitigation measures and monitoring requirements listed below.

Public scoping did not identify and issues to be addressed.

This office completed an Environmental Assessment for this project. Rare plant, archaeology and cultural resources surveys were funded by COPMOBA and local businesses and completed by Ollson Associates, a qualified contractor. Based on the environmental assessment we reached a Finding of No Significant Impact, therefore an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

RATIONALE:

This project will improve opportunities for world class mountain biking in the Mack Ridge Area, as called for in the 2004 Resource Management Plan. The new “Kevin’s” trail will provide the opportunity to climb single track trail immediately after leaving the Mack trailhead. The Lower Moore Fun trail will allow non-expert riders the opportunity to travel between Steve’s and the Kokopelli’s trailhead on singletrack. These trails wind through rocky draws and offers users the opportunity to enjoy the scenic and ecological resources of the NCA. Re-routed trails on Steve’s and Wrangler will add mileage to the trail system and will make the trails more fun to ride and more sustainable. Rehabilitation of old unsustainable trails will improve soil and watershed conditions.

MITIGATION MEASURES\MONITORING:

Trail work should not be completed between May 15 and July 15 to avoid species identified by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The following fuel management BMP's will be employed:

- 1) Fueling and maintenance activities should not take place within 100 feet of any live water (stream, pond, lake, etc.) or any drainage (perennial or ephemeral.) All product containers (oil and hydraulic fluid cans, etc.) should be removed from the site and disposed of properly.
- 2) Soils contaminated by fuel spills should be removed and disposed of properly.
- 3) Any fuel spills should be reported to the BLM Authorized Officer

All persons in the area who are associated with this project shall be informed that any person who, without a permit, injures, destroys, excavates, appropriates or removes any historic or prehistoric ruin, artifact, object of antiquity, Native American remains, Native American cultural item, or archaeological resources on public lands is subject to arrest and penalty of law (16 USC 433, 16 USC 470, 18 USC 641, 18 USC 1170, and 18 USC 1361). Strict adherence to the confidentiality of information concerning the nature and location of archeological resources would be required of the proponent and all of their subcontractors (Archaeological Resource Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 470hh)

Inadvertent Discovery: The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) [16 USC 470s., 36 CFR 800.13], as amended, requires that if newly discovered historic or archaeological materials or other cultural resources are identified during the Proposed Action implementation, work in that area must stop and the BLM Authorized Officer (AO) must be notified immediately. Within five working days the AO will determine the actions that will likely have to be completed before the site can be used (assuming in place preservation is not necessary).

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 USC 3001 et seq., 43 CFR 10.4] requires that if inadvertent discovery of Native American Human Remains or Objects of Cultural Patrimony occurs, any activity must cease in the area of discovery, a reasonable effort made to protect the item(s) discovered, and immediate notice be made to the BLM Authorized Officer, as well as the appropriate Native American group(s) (IV.C.2). Notice may be followed by a 30-day delay (NAGPRA Section 3(d)).

PROTEST/APPEALS:

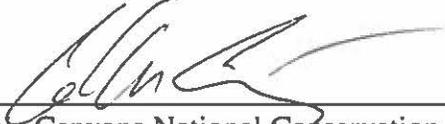
This decision shall take effect immediately upon the date it is signed by the Authorized Officer, and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay (43 CFR §2801.10(b)). Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, grand Junction, Colorado, 81506. 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, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.

NAME OF PREPARER: Collin Ewing

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Christina Stark

DATE: 8/10/2016

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:



McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Manager

DATE SIGNED: 8/10/16

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Project Map

Mack Ridge Trails

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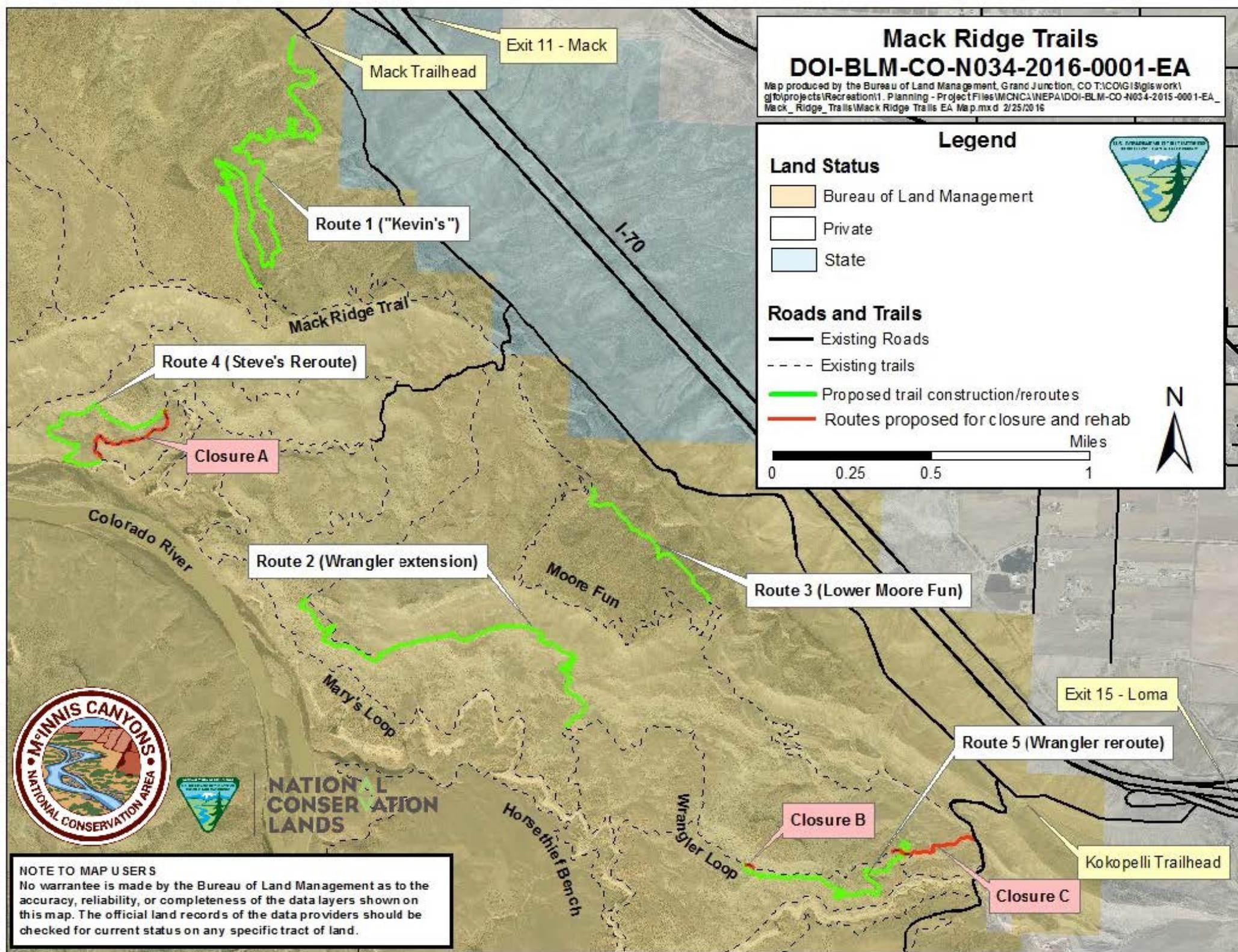
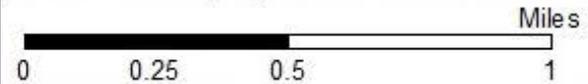


Land Status

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State

Roads and Trails

- Existing Roads
- Existing trails
- Proposed trail construction/reroutes
- Routes proposed for closure and rehab



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