

Recapture ATV Routes Environmental Assessment Alternative Comparison Table

Recapture EA	Alternative A <i>San Juan County (SJC) Proposed Action</i>	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D	Alternative E	Alternative F <i>No Action</i>
Alternative Summary Description	San Juan County's right of way application for an 11.67-mile ATV trail system in the canyon and on the upland mesa area to the west, near Blanding.	Similar to Alternative A. It differs in realignments of three trail segments to further reduce impacts to cultural resources sites and from construction on steep terrain.	Includes a 13.75-mile mixed-use trail system for motorized and non-motorized use, but does not include a motorized trail in the bottom of Recapture Canyon.	Mixed-use trail system, similar to Alternative C, but with greater emphasis on protection of cultural and riparian resources. Includes 7.50 miles of ATV trails on the upland mesa area west of Recapture Canyon.	No ATV trail system would be authorized. Includes stabilization of damaged cultural resources sites. Close and reclaim existing ATV and other vehicle routes. Limit motorized use to designated routes.	Continue to manage the Recapture Canyon portion of the project area for non-motorized use (hiking and equestrian). No new designations would be made. Currently designated trails would remain open.
Miles of Proposed Trails	11.67	11.63	13.75	7.50	0	0
Miles SJC Right-of-way (ROW) Authorized	11.67	11.63	0	0	0	0
Number of Proposed Trailheads	2	2	3	2	0	0
Miles Designated for ATV Use**	11.67	11.63	6.34	5.59	0	0
Miles Designated for Full-sized Vehicle Use **	0.0	0.0	2.76	1.21	0	0

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Miles Open to Hiking Use	11.67	11.63	13.75	7.50	No defined trails	No defined trails
Miles Open to Equestrian Use	11.67	11.63	13.05	6.80	No defined trails	No defined trails
Miles Designated for Bicycle Use**	11.67	11.63	13.05	6.80	0	0
Number of Cultural Resources Crossed by or Immediately Adjacent to Trail	31 sites (26 eligible for the National Historic Register (eligible))	32 sites (27 eligible)	33 sites (28 eligible)	18 sites (14 eligible)	0	0
Cultural Resources Protection and Compliance	BLM and SJC under Existing Programmatic Agreement (PA) 2007 Closure Order lifted*	BLM and SJC under Existing PA 2007 Closure Order lifted*	BLM under Modified PA 2007 Closure Order lifted*	BLM under Modified PA 2007 Closure Order lifted*	2007 Closure Order lifted*	2007 Closure Order remains in place
Routes with Moderate to Severe Soil Rutting Risk	10.27 (Miles) (86% of trail miles)	9.94 (Miles) (85% of trail miles)	12.0 (Miles) (87% of trail miles)	8.07 (Miles) (82% of trail miles)	0	0***
Riparian Habitat Directly Disturbed	0.87 (Acres)	0.88 (Acres)	0.67 (Acres)	0.03 (Acres)	0	0***
Number of Hardened Stream/drainage Crossings	7	7	1	0	0	0

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Floodplain Disturbance	1.06 (Acres)	1.05 (Acres)	0.85 (Acres)	0.47 (Acres)	0	0***
Obliteration of Routes	3.10 (Miles)	3.43 (Miles)	3.07 (Acres)	5.13 (Miles)	9.6	0

* Adverse effects leading to the closure would be eliminated and management would be implemented to prevent recurrence, so the 2007 closure order consisting of 1,871-acres (2007 Closure Order) would be lifted.

** Designated routes are specifically identified and designated in the Monticello Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan, Travel Plan. See Appendix O, section O.13, Plan Maintenance and Changes to Route Designations. Designated routes can be categorized as mechanized only (bicycles), single-track motorized (dirt bikes), two-track motorized (four-wheelers, jeeps), available to all vehicles, or any combination of these categories.

***Resources would continue to be impacted by use of existing open routes as discussed in the EA.